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**GREAT
SCOT!**

GORDON McQUEEN, Manchester United's Scottish international defender, is looking forward to a big game next Saturday in the F.A. Cup Final at Wembley. McQueen is just one member of United's all-star team tipped to overwhelm Brighton in the most one-sided Final for years. But will the Sussex seaside side provide a Wembley shock? Read Tom Anderson's Cup Final preview on page 6.

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NSL BOSS REPORTED

says JOHN FIELD

TONY LABBOZZETTA, vice-chairman of the National Soccer League, has been accused by the NSW Soccer Federation of attempting to poach State League clubs.

An official complaint has been sent to the Australian Soccer Federation by the State Federation.

"Two top officials from one of our member clubs, Croatia, have been approached by Mr Labbozzetta and had a meeting with him," said a NSW spokesman.

"The meeting was, apparently, connected with attempts to entice Croatia into the proposed 1984 regionalised national competition," added the spokesman.

"Other leading State League clubs have also had talks with the NSL. It is distressing, as well as

unethical, for this to be going on at this time.

"The State Federations still have not been officially informed of the NSL's plans for next year: despite that, the NSL is already contacting our State League clubs."

Tonight (Tuesday), NSW will be told about the NSL's regionalisation plan.

Peter Sheean, Commercial Director for the ASF, will attend an executive meeting of the State Federation and will provide details of what the National League has in mind for 1984.

The new NSL, as re-

ported in AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, is expected to comprise two regional divisions, with 12 teams in each.

This means, eight teams will have to be added to the present complement to make up the numbers.

The new set-up could be on the lines of a report which appeared in the Melbourne Age eight days ago.

Publication of that Age story angered Steve Kamasz, the secretary-manager of the National League.

"I am most disturbed about the leakage of news

after it was unanimously resolved at the NSL Council of Clubs meeting that nobody would say a word.

"I am not saying the published story was entirely correct but I want to find the person responsible for the leak. Whoever passed on the information was gutless — and you can quote me on that."

One thing is certain — when the NSL 1984 plan is finally put in front of the States and the ASF, it will meet plenty of fierce opposition.

Indeed, we don't think it has any chance of being approved.

EDITORIAL

THE National Soccer League's blank weekend — when every match was postponed because Queensland played New South Wales in Brisbane — remains a topic of considerable controversy.

The NSL has been strongly criticised, and rightly so, for its blanket ban on all competition matches. Queensland and NSW have also been under attack for having the cheek to stage the interstate game during the season — and on a Sunday.

We do not agree with the view that the interstate match was an unnecessary intrusion on the NSL fixture list.

Let us not forget that Queensland was staging its Centenary celebrations. It happens only once every 100 years. Plans were made in Brisbane for interstate games against NSW and Victoria many months ago, so it was not a hastily-arranged programme.

If Soccer is so obsessed with its elite national competition for just 16 clubs that it cannot spare even one Sunday for a Queensland v NSW Centenary match, our horizons are indeed narrow.

The match at Brisbane's Perry Park was enjoyable and financially a winner. ASW's Greg Russell said the 3,500 attendance was a much bigger turnout than any NSL match in Queensland is capable of attracting.

It is blatantly unfair to blame Queensland and NSW for mucking up the weekend NSL programme.

There was much muddled thinking at NSL headquarters over this whole sorry affair.

One can appreciate the need to postpone certain games involving clubs like Brisbane City and Lions, Sydney Olympic and St. George, all of whom lost players to the interstate fixture.

What is more difficult, indeed impossible, to fathom is the need to put off matches like Preston v West Adelaide and Adelaide City v Footscray. Those four clubs had no interest at all in the interstate affair in Brisbane... so why were their supporters denied NSL action on May 8?

When ASW put that question to the NSL, we were told: "We thought it would be better to cancel the whole round rather than go ahead with a couple of games."

That is nonsense. Who knows what climatic hazards face the NSL in the coming months? Who knows how many matches will have to be re-arranged when heavy winter rains play havoc with the fixtures? It is sheer folly to cancel ANY NSL matches at this time of the year for frivolous reasons or — as in this case — no reason at all.

Already several matches in the national competition have had to be re-scheduled. They will be played at the end of the normal season because Soccer is the only code which merrily intrudes on the traditional cricket season in Australia.

It has been suggested more than once that Soccer in this country appears to have a death wish.

That suggestion was amply supported by the actions of the National Soccer League management on the weekend before last.

THE WEEKEND NSL PROGRAM:

NEWCASTLE KB UTD V BRISBANE LIONS
HEIDELBERG UTD V ADELAIDE CITY
ST GEORGE V FOOTSCRAY
WOLLONGONG CITY V SYDNEY OLYMPIC
BRISBANE CITY V MARCONI
LEICHHARDT V CANBERRA ARROWS
PRESTON V SYDNEY CITY
WEST ADELAIDE V SOUTH MELBOURNE

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NATIONAL LEAGUE RESULTS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Coady) ST GEORGE 2 (J. O'Shea, Wilkinson) at Pratten Park. Crowd: 4,491.

MARCONI 5 (Winn 3, Jankovics, Carbonne) WOLLONGONG 4 (Willis, Cotton, Fleming, Bozanic o.g.) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 2,160.

WEST ADELAIDE 1 (Atsalas) ADELAIDE CITY 2 (Villani, Melta) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 3,500.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 0 PRESTON 0, at Middle Park. Crowd 7,000 (est.).

BRISBANE LIONS 4 (Stewart, Hunter, Niven, Hogg) BRISBANE CITY 0 at Richlands. Crowd: 2,500.

SYDNEY CITY 2 (Gomez, Mitchell) LEIC-

HARDT 0 at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd: 1,317.

FOOTSCRAY 0 HEIDELBERG 0 at Schintler Reserve. Crowd: 1,986.

CITY PLAYERS WALK OUT

BY GREG RUSSELL



Brisbane City's Steve Glockner

A SUDDEN walkout by three experienced reserve team players has left the Brisbane City National League side in a precarious position.

The loss of the three players, Willie Conner, Bevan Bohan and David Vincenzino, has left the Gladiators with an NSL squad of only 14 players and a spate of injuries almost certainly would put the side in deep trouble.

And with striker Steve Glockner leaving for Mexico with the Young Socceroos this week, the club's ranks are depleted even further.

Conner has hardly been seen at the club since he asked to go on the transfer list a month ago, claiming he believed he could still play at NSL level despite being overlooked by Hermiston.

The City board duly slapped a \$10,000 transfer fee on the experienced winger which was enough to scare off the only likely buyer, Brisbane Lions.

The circumstances surrounding the departure of Bohan and Vincenzino have not fully surfaced. Bohan, the club's leading scorer last season claims work commitments will keep him out for at least three months, but he has also said he felt he was being played out of position in the City midfield and that led to his replacement in the team by Gary Bromfield.

Vincenzino, who played

a handful of NSL matches under George Potter and Nereo Saftich, also went without much of a reason being given. Some club officials claimed study commitments but that seems highly unlikely.

But irrespective of the reasons for their departures, the fact still remains that fullback George Caird and goalkeeper Glenn Ahearn are about the only experienced players in the club's reserve team, which plays in the Queensland Soccer Federation's Premier League and is coached by former Lions goalkeeper Roddy McKenzie.

And there are rumors that Caird could return to New Zealand and Ahearn is close to promotion.

City officials, including Hermiston and McKenzie are aware of the situation and the alarming effects it could have on the first team and announced last week several new signings could be made soon.

But there appears to be few available players at the moment and certainly none at the price City would want to pay.

Hermiston indicated if things could not be worked out with Conner, Bohan and Vincenzino then it was highly likely they would be used to help obtain other experienced reserve team players.

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

AGGREGATE

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
9	5	2	2	16	8	17
9	4	4	1	12	8	16
9	4	3	2	13	11	15
8	4	2	2	8	5	14
8	4	2	2	14	13	14
9	4	2	3	9	9	14
9	4	1	4	14	13	13
9	3	4	2	7	7	13
9	3	2	4	17	11	11
9	3	2	4	11	10	11
9	3	2	4	10	13	11
8	3	1	4	13	12	10
9	2	3	4	11	14	9
8	2	2	4	6	9	8
9	2	2	5	5	19	8
9	1	4	4	14	18	7

HOME

W	D	L	F	A	P
2	2	0	5	2	8
3	1	0	6	3	10
2	3	0	7	3	9
3	1	0	6	2	10
3	0	1	10	6	9
3	0	2	6	5	9
3	1	1	10	7	10
3	1	0	6	1	10
3	1	1	13	4	10
1	1	3	6	9	4
3	1	0	6	5	7
3	0	1	11	2	9
1	2	2	6	7	5
2	1	0	3	0	7
1	1	3	3	12	4
0	3	1	5	6	3

AWAY

W	D	L	F	A	P
3	0	2	11	6	9
1	3	1	6	5	6
2	0	2	6	8	6
1	1	2	2	3	4
1	2	1	4	7	5
1	2	1	3	4	5
1	0	3	4	5	3
0	3	2	1	6	3
0	1	3	4	7	1
2	1	1	5	5	7
1	1	3	4	8	4
0	1	3	2	10	1
1	1	2	5	7	4
0	1	4	3	9	1
1	1	2	2	7	4
1	1	3	9	12	4

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

BY PETER RUSSELL

AT ST GEORGE Stadium, Saints played Leichhardt in their deferred league match which resulted in a convincing win to St. George by 3-0.

Saints opened the scoring against the run of play in the 10th minute through Peter Kotanamides, following a free kick, 1-0.

Marconi continued to press the Saints goal and it was only some outstanding saves from keeper Mike Fraser that prevented the Fairfielders from scoring a bag full.

As always seems to happen in Soccer whilst strongly pressing for an equaliser or winner, Marconi were inevitably stretched at the back and Saints added goals in the dying minutes through Todorica and Ricoy.

Best Players: St George Biscaya, Fraser. Marconi Gangi, Giannone, Veneri, Hunter.

At the Sydney Athletic Field the Sydney Slickers jumped to the head of the table at the expense of a poorly conditioned Leichhardt side.

It took the Slickers 11 minutes to take control of the game, starting with an excellent goal from Graeme Fletcher who ran on to a long through ball from Willie Murray to score.

From then on, Slickers piled on attack after attack with Graeme Fletcher prominent up front. They were finally rewarded in the 44th minute when Kenny Boden beat the keeper with a delicate lob from inside the box. 2-0.

Shortly after the break Leichhardt narrowed the gap from the penalty spot through Tony Genovese, after a foul by Warren Haslem on Vito Zurlo 2-1.

However the Slickers didn't allow their hope to germinate and replied almost immediately through Graeme Fletcher after some nice interpassing with Graeme Patterson.

Wayne Reader closed the scoring for the day when he netted from right in front from a cross and good lead up work by Fletcher.

Best Players: Sydney City Jean Paul De Marigny, Graeme Fletcher, Wayne Reader. Leichhardt Carlos Spina, Tony Genovese, Paul Moresso.

At Pratten Park, the Young Olympic side upset the competition pace-setters St George and gave them a thrashing to boot, downing them 4-0, highlighted by a "hat-trick" by Con Passalis.

In typical Olympic fashion, they attacked the Saints goal from the first whistle and opened the scoring immediately when Passalis volleyed an Andy Sotiropoulos free kick passed a helpless Mike Fraser.

Five minutes later, they went further ahead through Biro Serbas who sent in a 25 metre pile driver after a brilliant move involving Arthur Svinos and Louis Dounis. 2-0.

In the 18th minute, Sotiropoulos and Passalis combined again to give Passalis his second goal — 3-0. Saints only chance in this half went to Pedro Ricoy, but it was brilliantly saved by keeper Peter Wilson.

In the second half, Saints came back into the game more and applied some pressure to the Olympic defence with chances falling to Pedro Ricoy and Paul Darlington but they failed to convert the opportunities.

Olympic sealed matters in the 55th minute when Passalis scored his hat trick from a pass laid on by Louis Dounis. 4-0.

Best Players: Olympic Biro Serbas, Con Passalis, Bobby Naumov. St George Pedro Ricoy, Geoff Biscaya, Paul Darlington.

At Bruce Stadium, Canberra Arrows clipped the wings of title contenders Newcastle with a fine 2-0 win over the northerners.

They opened the scoring in the 25th minute when Phil Redmond received an excellent through ball from Joe Gagetti to score from close range.

Canberra's and Phil Redmond's second goal arrived five minutes into the second half when he ran on to a Manis Lamond cross to run it into the net from two metres.

Best Players: Canberra Joe Gagetti, Jason Dunne, George Economopoulos. Newcastle David Munro, George Rafty, Paul Gillogly.



Saints' keeper Mike Fraser

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MIKE WELLS LASHES OUT

S.A. is the forgotten State as far as Sydney and Melbourne is concerned, and it is a situation which has at last brought coaching director Mike Wells to boiling point.



Mike Wells: boiling

The usually placid and methodical Wells unleashed a blast at officialdom following the snubbing of Adelaide by organisers of the Ron Greenwood visit to Australia.

Officially, SA does not even know the former England team manager is coming.

"I have read that Greenwood is to visit Australia for the series against England, but the SA Soccer Federation has never been officially advised," said Wells.

He also criticised the passing over of Hindmarsh Stadium as one of the venues for the Australia-England games which have been allocated to Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane.

FIFA officials Harry Cavan and Sepp Blatter, here for the World Youth Cup, talked about the stadium in glowing terms, saying it was the best football ground in Australia.

ASF commercial director Peter Sheean, on his recent visit to Adelaide, made similar comments.

When Frank Arok picked his squad for the England matches as caretaker-coach, he ignored SA players.

"This was at a time when West Adelaide was on top of the NSL table having just beaten Olympic and St. George," said Wells.

"I am becoming tired of

SA being the forgotten State.

"We may be surrounded by desert and barren scrub, but there is in our midst a fertile oasis."

"There is life outside Sydney and Melbourne."

Wells cited certain areas where SA had been innovators.

"We have maintained a very high standard and level of coaching accreditation courses, under the National Coaching Schemes," he said.

Wells was instrumental in having the SASF Coaches Licensing and Registration Schemes introduced, and pointed to the 500 coaches now graded according to qualifications and practical experience.

Apart from this innovation, based on the European model, Wells has been involved in two other major progressive projects.

"We have gained 24 Scholarship Awards at the SA Sports Institute, which represents one fifth of the total scholarships awarded to all sports," said Wells.

"These youngsters are receiving the same back-up as other stars such as Glenys Nunn from track and field, Vicki Orman from swimming, plus members of the Kings Cup rowing crew.

"This is a tremendous compliment to Soccer, for so long the 'foreign' sport."

It seems odd that only one South Australian is in the Australian Institute of Sports.

"AIS head coach Jimmy Shoulder is keen to remedy this," said Wells.

"But that depends upon the quality we produce; he has enquired about two of our young prospects."

Another big innovation from SA is the production of a new PE programme for primary schools.

Lesson plans have been drawn up by 13 sports, with Soccer high on the list.

ST GEORGE WARY OF FOOTSCRAY

By John Economos

Next Sunday at the St George Stadium, the Saints take on Victoria's Footscray in Round 11 to continue their climb up the NSL ladder.

St George after last Sunday's win over Sydney Olympic, have jumped from ninth position on the table, to joint fourth.

Frank Arok said last night: "Playing against Sydney Olympic always turns out to be an exciting, open, entertaining match. But we should not get too cocky as Olympic had the upper hand in the second half."

"Against Footscray, our task will be made much harder as the Victorians will come here looking for a point, possibly three. That was their attitude when they came to Sydney to play Olympic, but instead of one point, they managed to steal three."

Arok continued: "That danger will also apply to us. Don't forget that in their last two outings, Footscray managed to snatch four points to get off the bottom of the ladder."

Last Sunday, Footscray's draw against Heidelberg proved invaluable, but St George will be out to spread Footscray's very tight defence and be on the look-out for their famous "break-aways".

As well as their tight defence, Footscray will have top goalkeeper, Dennis Boland, another huge hurdle the Saints will have to contend with.

Footscray will rely heavily on crack-midfielder, Vladko Belic and the pacy, tricky, Zdravko Lujic with little Jamie Paton up front poaching for goals.

St George may intend to bring in for a full game the tall lanky Paul Wilkinson after having come on last week and scored a goal against Olympic.



"Ref! Wrong door!"

Socceroos tune up

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE Socceroos will be seen in action at Cook Park, St Marys on Wednesday, May 18 in what will be a spectacular dress rehearsal for the coming three-match series against England.

Their opponents will be NSW who will be under the control of State coach John Watkiss.

The match will provide a final tuning up for the Australian squad, coached by Frank Arok.

Cook Park is well floodlit and has in the past provided a suitable venue for national trials.

The main match will kick off at 8 pm. It will be preceded at 6.30pm by a challenge between an Invitation Penrith side and entertaining State League outfit Melita Eagles.

Watkiss and Arok coach neighbouring clubs, the strong State League club Sutherland Shire and the National League's St George respectively.

Watkiss built up a tre-

mendous record with Sydney City (formerly Hakoah) and the Australian team in his hey-day as a player.

His ability to transform young players into able footballers has not gone unnoticed, although it must be considered to the one of the major anomalies of senior Soccer that he does not occupy a post with one of the clubs.

Sixty schools from the Penrith district have entered a poster competition in connection with the game and a selection of them will be displayed on the night.

The promotion has the support of Penrith City Council, Penrith United Soccer Football Club and the very active Nepean Districts Soccer Football Association.

St George Vs Footscray

AT ST GEORGE STADIUM

SUNDAY MAY 22ND

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1PM

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ST GEORGE Vs ILLAWARRA (See back page)



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YOUTH SPOTLIGHT IN CANBERRA

AS our Young Socceroos fly out to Mexico to take on the world's best, another group of Australian youngsters have their minds on the 1985 World Youth Championships.

No doubt inspired by the deeds of the 1981 Young Socceroos and now the Tommy McCulloch led 1983 youngsters, Australian Soccer youth has every possible incentive to do well.

This particularly applies to the lads assembled in Canberra this week for the 1983 Under 18 National Youth Championships.

From these boys Australia will select its players for its initial trials for the 1985 World Youth Squad to take part in elimination next year.

The 1985 series will be Australia's 4th World Youth championships — the previous ones being in 1979, 1981 and the current 1983 series.

The youngsters playing in Canberra this week

will have plenty of steps to follow if they care to take a look at some of their predecessors.

From the 1979, 1981 and 1983 squad most are playing in the first team of the various NSL clubs.

Some of the past World Youth championship players like Alan Davidson, Peter Katholos, Peter Raskopoulos, Paul Kay, Steve Blair, David Mitchell, Greg Woodhouse, Jimmy Patikas, David Lowe and Tommy McCulloch rank amongst the best players in Australia at the moment.

The Under 18 championships kick off in Canberra on Wednesday with the final at Bruce Stadium on Sunday.

The groups for this year's championships are: Group A Tasmania,

NSW, Qld, and WA.

Group B: ACT, Vic, SA, and Nth NSW.

The semi finals will be played at Bruce Stadium on Saturday with the winner of group A playing the runner up in Group B and the winner of group B playing the runner up of Group A.

The ACT squad for the championships will be: Andrew Bernal, Kostas Livas, Peter Desmond, Lino Fiorese, Michael Carter, George Kulcsar, Nick Houston, Jason Dunn, Frank Daddario, Manis Lomond, Mathew Godfrey, Stewart Allen, Shaun Grelck, Emil Maricic, Linc Therecht, Claudio Ciuffetelli.

Winners will receive the championship trophy from Senator Margaret Reid, who is the patron of the ACT Soccer Federation.



Peter Katholos: a product of the World Youth Championships.

KANAHOOKA'S UPSET IN COMMONWEALTH BANK CUP

BY PHIL MURPHY

KANAHOOKA High School provided the first shock of the Commonwealth Bank Cup when they eliminated the favoured Keira side 3-0.

Winners of the Cup two years ago, Keira had no answer to the speed and cohesion of the Kana-hooka boys.

The game was one of the Southern Region elimination series.

Now Wollongong High look like doing well.

They beat the strong Warrawong 3-1 and have a solid side this season.

Included are the talented Alex Bundalo, who recently had a spell training with Manchester United and is now in the Fairy Meadow first grade

side, Darren Nees, a striker with Wollongong City Youth team and Fairy Meadow's John Chichkan.

Another team expected to do well is Woonona, also a recent winner of the Cup. They meet the winner of the Crookwell-Goulburn match while Corrimal have been drawn against the team that survives the Warilla-Bulli clash.

Figtree, not really recognised as a strong Soccer school, have gone into the second round.

MARATHON TO SOUTH GRAFTON

A series of penalty kicks decided the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup match between Grafton and Sth Grafton High School teams after they were deadlocked at 3-3 after extra time.

Because of an injury to one of the Grafton High players, plus the extra time involved the teams were on the field for almost two and a half hours which makes this match one of the longest ever in the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup.

Territorially the first half belonged to Sth Grafton whilst Grafton clearly played the better football in the second half.

Grafton Sth now meet the winners of the Casino-Kyogle match in the third round.

Best players for Grafton Sth were Glen Waterston, Andrew Nicholls and Byron Collie.

Tony Johnson, Scott Hutchison, Alan Barker and Graham Nelson were the pick of the Grafton side.



Westfield House is where the popular Ipswich Town train. Pictured with his back to the camera is Paul Mariner (England) and on the far right is Alan Brazil (Scotland).



The 1983 Stephens Sport Travel tour incorporated a visit to the spectacular Liverpool trophy room. Pictured are young Soccer enthusiasts who relished a lifetime dream of visiting one of the world's greatest clubs.

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FA CUP FINAL QUIZ

SO EASY FOR RED DEVILS



BY TOM ANDERSON

MANCHESTER UNITED will win its fifth F.A.Cup Final when it defeats Brighton at Wembley Stadium on Saturday.

1. In what year was the first Wembley Cup Final played?
2. Which team holds the record number of Cup wins?
3. Who captained Spurs when they won the Cup in 1981 and 1982?
4. When did a second division team last win the Cup?
5. In the 1966 Final, an Everton player scored two goals and he played later for an Australian club. Name him.
6. Two teams this century have won the Cup and League double. What teams and in what years?
7. Who was the youngest player to appear in a Cup Final?
8. Name the first, and only, club to take the Cup out of England?
9. Which team held the Cup for the longest period?
10. What was the biggest Cup Final win?

CUP FINAL QUIZ ANSWERS

1. 1923
 2. Aston Villa and Tottenham Hotspur — seven wins each
 3. Steve Perryman
 4. West Ham United in 1960
 5. Mike Trebilcock
 6. Spurs in 1961 and Arsenal in 1971
 7. Paul Allen (West Ham) in 1960 at 17 years and 256 days
 8. Cardiff City (Wales) in 1927
 9. Portsmouth (from 1939 to 1946 because of the war)
 10. Burny 6 Derby County 0 in 1903.
- Assessing your score.
From 8 to 10 correct... you are an expert.
From 5 to 8... pretty good.
From 3 to 5... do some Cup homework.
Less than 3... Try Australian Rules or Rugby League.

This is the only conclusion I can reach after a complete analysis of both teams.

The Red Devils from Old Trafford look to have too much class and too much ability for the team from Sussex by the Sea.

Certainly Wembley Cup Finals are great levellers but this looks to be the exception.

Despite their magnificent achievement in reaching the final, Brighton have had a tragic season and have been relegated to the second division.

This humiliation has been softened by their Wembley appearance on Saturday but it is something that they have had to live with in their preparation for the big day.

Brighton's manager Jim Melia will have none of this of course, and he is quick to point out what happened to United in 1976, when under the managery of Tommy Docherty they were downed by second division Southampton.

The Doc had his moment of glory the next season when he captured the Cup when United beat the great Liverpool team 2-1.

Brighton are a team without out any real stars

and are like faceless men with numbers on their back.

Their stopper Steve Foster, who will miss this match through suspension, has played for England on a number of occasions and midfielder Jimmy Case is still known mainly for his exploits with Liverpool the club he played for before joining Brighton.

But apart from these two, the remainder of the players can be termed workmanlike rather than stars.

United, on the other hand, are a collection of real superstars and most probably the most favourite club team in the game.

Despite the undoubted brilliance of Liverpool and its standing as the top team in the world, everyone loves United and loves to see them win.

With players such as England captain Bryan Robson, Scotland's Gordon McQueen, Steve Coppell, Frank Stapleton and Irish wonder boy Norman Whiteside, United look a formidable combination - and indeed are just that.

The way this team blitzed Arsenal in the second half of that brilliant semi-final at Villa Park was magnificent.

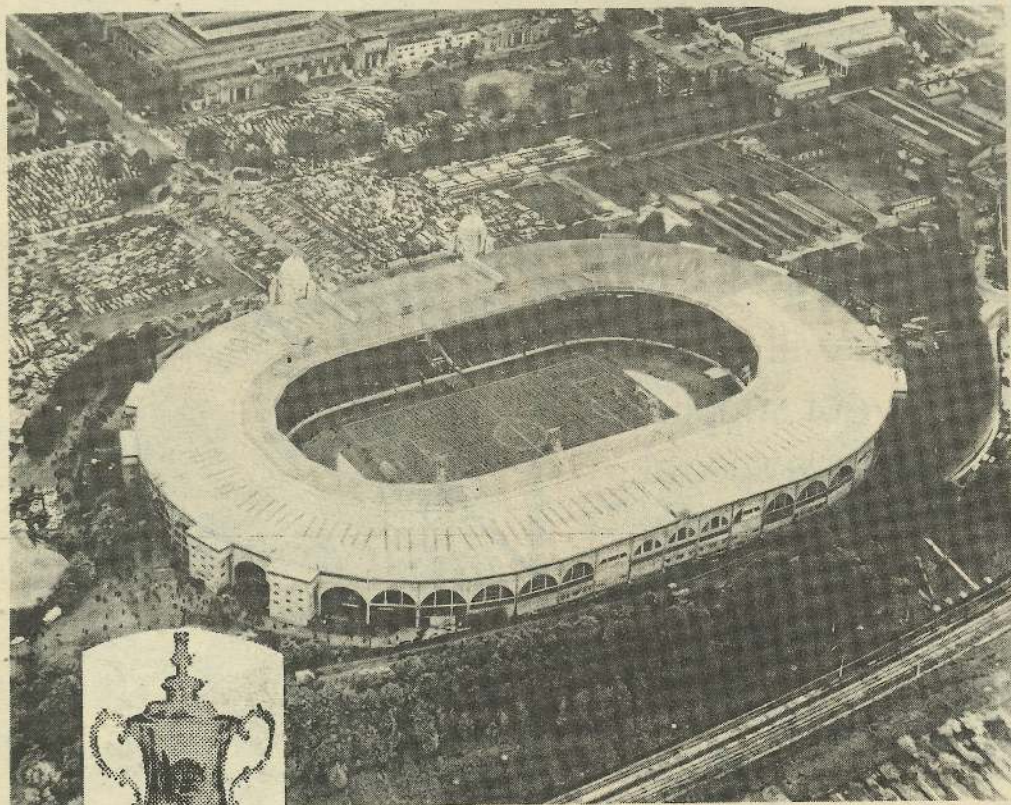
A repeat of this form will certainly put Brighton in queer street.

If there is a glaring weakness in the United team, it is the bad habit of

Steve Coppell: confident



Jimmy Case: hopeful



Wembley Stadium: venue



goalkeeper Gary Bailey to suffer from nerves on a big occasion.

This has often caused the loss of a cheap goal and handicapped his team just as they were beginning to dominate a game.

No doubt United will be hoping Bailey will be able to handle the situation on Saturday - minus his nerves.

United's manager Ron Atkinson is a man who loves the big-time and revels in having his team and himself in the spotlight.

And they don't come any bigger than United.

This marvellous club was formed in 1878 by a group of workmen from the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company.

They were elected into the Football League two years later and that's when it really all began.

But it was not until the 1940's that their great run started with a win in the Cup in 1948.

The man who became synonymous with success at United is the great Matt Busby.

Busby's Babes - until the tragic air crash on February 6th 1958 in Munich - were poised to

take on the world and defeat it.

But after that terrible disaster, United rebuilt and stars such as Bobby Charlton, Denis Law, George Best and Pat Crendish soon had them back on top again.

When Busby retired, the reins were handed over to Wilf McGuinness then Frank O'Farrell without much success.

Then came the reign of Tommy Docherty and United were back on their way to the top.

The Doc brought back all the missing panache to Old Trafford in a way only he can.

When The Doc left Dave Sexton arrived and some of the magic vanished.

Then came present boss Ron Atkinson and the glory of Manchester United returned.

One big thing in favour of United on Saturday is their ability to perform at top level in front of a large crowd.

They have the highest average crowd attendance in British football - in complete contrast to Brighton who are not in the top echelon of big crowd-pullers.

There will be 100,000 fans at Wembley on Saturday and no doubt the Sussex team will be on tenterhooks for the opening 15 minutes.

If United score during this period it will be all over bar the shouting.

Despite what looks like a foregone conclusion, Saturday's final will be yet another great day.

For these occasions are more than just a football game.

They're part of England's heritage and way of life.

"Up for the Cup" is the war cry - United for the Cup will be the outcome!



PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

Tony Dakos

BY MIKE MYSTAKIDIS

THE future of any sport rests with young players. Soccer is not excepted.

The youth competition which started not many years ago, was the most important step for increasing the interest among the up-and-coming young players.

It has normally been proven that clubs which insist on Youth policies do well after a few years.

A prime example is Australia's national Youth team.

Fourteen of the 18 selected players are playing top Soccer in the National League. Among them, Tony Dakos.

Last year when Doug Collins resigned from Sydney Olympic, the caretaker coach Lubo Goykovic spotted Tony's talent and promoted him from the Youth to the senior team.

A few weeks ago, Tommy Docherty said: "This young man has all the

skill and potential to be a great star. Today, Dakos is one of the best centre backs in Australia."

When The Doc says that, it has to be so. His coaching eye and predictions are usually correct.

Dakos is a young player willing to add dedication and discipline to his skills — plus the right mental attitude and spirit.

These are the talents which took him in a short time to the very top in the club — and now at international Youth level.

He started in Soccer as most kids simply for fun; while he enjoyed the game, he mastered also the basics and increased dramatically his interest and love for the game.

His progress was dramatic.

He leaped steps by twos, to overthrow prima donnas and to climb to



glory by establishing himself as a regular in his beloved team, Sydney Olympic.

"My aim and main target is to represent my country on merit," says Tony. In a few days time, he is going to prove it in Mexico by accepting his "baptism" as a Youth international.

To an extent, Dakos may feel to represent his country in Mexico next month is a trial for his international future as a senior.

Dakos, although a sweeper, added glamour

WATSON'S CROSSES

TAKE note all you NSL goalkeepers — Big Mitch (Dave Mitchell) is back to fitness and out to prove he's still one of the best strikers in the business.



Joe Watson

Mitch has been sidelined for most of this year due to an operation on his nose and then an ankle injury. But the big fella is raring to go and out to prove to Frank Arok he should be in the Socceroc Squad for the coming games against England.

Big Mitch is more determined than ever now to get back on the goalscoring trail and I'm sure in the weeks to come he'll be among the goals for Sydney City.

I don't know about anybody else but I am personally sick and tired of reading about the internal bickering surrounding the format for next year's competition.

If there is to be a change in the structure next year then let's keep it under wraps until something definite is decided.

Forget next year for the time being and let's concentrate on promoting the 1983 NSL which is, in case nobody has noticed it, the closest battle any promoter could hope for.

No matter what happens next year our bread and butter weekly competition must not be allowed to take a back seat to the running feuds between our top officials.

The 1983 NSL can be a vintage year, but let's give it a fighting chance.

I am not surprised Sydney Olympic are playing poorly this year at Pratten Park. The playing surface must be the worst in the league.

There are areas so bad even a mountain goat wouldn't be able to keep its feet on them. And I'm not exaggerating either.

Until Sydney Olympic get their pitch in order they can forget about being title contenders — which is a pity as they have a fine squad of players.

During my son's Under 6 match last Saturday I noticed one of his team-mates attempt to dummy his opponent.

I asked the boy later where he had learned to do this and he replied he had seen Kenny Boden do it playing for Sydney City; so he had tried to copy it.

When I was young I learned most of my Soccer from watching the seniors. I had little or no coaching until I was about 14 years old.

I wonder just how many of the kids playing Soccer in Sydney have actually been to a NSL match.

There is so much to learn just by watching a senior game.

This particular boy who tried to copy Ken Boden couldn't have been taught by any coach how to perform a skill that only Ken can do.

So a word of advice to all you young Soccer players, get along and see your local NSL team and see what you can learn from the real thing.

Some of our amateur coaches might learn something as well.

to his job by scoring goals regularly and became Olympic's top scorer.

His style of play is innovative. From his defence position, often he often embarks on a long upfield run to set up an attack or score a goal.

Dakos, 1.75m tall, with

dark hair and a strong body, was born in Sydney on April 9, 1964, and became involved in Soccer with Sydney Olympic juniors.

His origin is Greek, and his real surname is Spyridakos. Tony's father and mother come from the

glorious city of Greece, Sparta, Laconias.

Dakos has already established himself among the best of Australia's defenders, and more good days are yet to come.

I believe Australians and Greek Australians should be proud, and most

fortunate, in having promising and bright young prospects like Tony Dakos in the Youth squad which departs tomorrow for Mexico.

You, Tony Dakos, and your team-mates, deserve all the luck in the world in this hard task.

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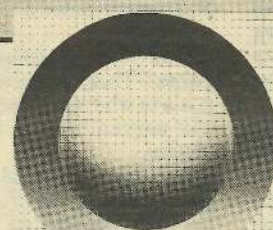
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NSL MATCH OF THE DAY — Preston vs. Sydney City

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ROUND UP

LIONS TOO GOOD



BRISBANE LIONS, using Young Soccerroos Danny Wright and Russell Stewart for a half game each, completely outplayed Brisbane City to convincingly win their local "derby" 4-0 at Richlands.

Lions Dutch coach Simon Kistemaker had promised all week he would blow the Gladiators off the top of the table and the Lions players were true to their coach's word and completely annihilated the former NSL table leaders.

Controversy had raged all week over Kistemaker's decision to play Stewart and Wright but in the end it proved to be only a ploy to upset Jim Hermiston's pre-match planning.

Kistemaker surprised everyone when he sat Stewart on the bench in the first half and it was older brother John, who

proved to be Lions key player.

It was Kistemaker's plan that Stewart shadow-mark City's mid-field lynch-pin Frank Pimblett and the Gladiators were humbled as a result.

Even Hermiston admitted after the game City had never been in it — at any stage — and the tireless, wholly-committed young Lions always looked the winners.

Lions took the lead in the 25th minute when young stopper Alan Hunter glanced a near post header into the net off a John Ogden corner.

Hunter had an outstanding game, completely blotting out City's Billy Williamson, and it is a shame that this talented 18-year-old has only recently appeared on the NSL scene — otherwise he could have had a berth in the squad which leaves this week for Mexico.

Young Soccerroo Stewart netted Lions second goal minutes after he

HUMBLING FOR THE CITY

replaced Wright. Stewart hit a right foot free kick which beat the wall but ricocheted back off Frank Liddell's back.

Stewart then hit a left foot shot along the ground which new Soccerroo Kim Wishard failed to hold and the ball trickled into the net.

Lions got their third through a brilliant Steve Hogg shot in the 67th minute and their fourth with a 74th minute penalty taken by Alan Niven after Steve Perry handled on the line.

For Lions, Tony Scanlan in goal, big Barry Kel-

so up front and defender Alan Niven had big games while attacking midfielder Jim McDonagh, Lions latest signing from Scotland, had a very promising debut.

There was not a star among the entire Gladiators team and at times it was almost shameful the way the home side dominated the game, particularly in midfield.

CITY: Wishart, Perry, Liddell, Tokesi, Wilkin-son, Hamilton, Hughes, Pimblett, Cairney, Wil- liamson, Bromfield (Falco 64m).

LIONS: Scanlan, McLurg, Hunter, Mars- zalek, Niven, Ogden, Hogg, J. Stewart, McDonagh, Wright (R. Stewart 45m), Kelso.

REFEREE: B. Mon- teverde.

CROWD: 2,000.



Marszalek (Brisbane Lions) outjumps Cairney (Brisbane City) in the local Brisbane derby. Lions ran out winners 4-0.

KB United head NSL

Newcastle KB United shot to the top of the National Soccer League with a fighting 1-0 victory over Canberra in Canberra on Sunday.

Throughout it was a hard fought, tight and close game with the only thing marring the enter- tainment being the over zealous use of the yellow

card by referee Mr Glyn Davies.

He booked no less than six players — a booking record unequalled in Na- tional League Soccer in

Canberra. And this despite the fact that the game was not a spiteful one, just a hard one.

Newcastle's hero was their big, substitute striker David Jones who scored the games's only goal just 60 seconds into the second half.

Jones was deputising in the striker's role for youngster David Lowe, who leaves Australia on Wednesday with Aus- tralia's World Youth Cup Team.

The goal came from Newcastle's first attack when Jones burst through an ineffective tackle by

Canberra midfielder Dun- can Cole to move quickly to the left flank, turn and strike a left-footed ground shot wide of diving Can- berra goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski.

It was one of the few clear chances of the whole game.

Said Newcastle's coach Ken Kaiser: "We got what we deserved. We came here knowing that we would be up against it but we were determined to play for a win and three points.

It was a tough game but I thought we just did enough to win. We are not a team of stars, but the

team spirit is magnifi- cent at the moment with the boys now believing that they are really a good team — and one deserv- ing to be up on top of the table."

Canberra's best chances came early in the first half and relatively early into the second.

The first was a superbly struck free kick from mid-

fielder Steve Bryant that was dipping under the cross bar only to be flicked away by goal keeper Grant Gosling.

The second half chance came from a sizzling shot from Duncan Cole that had Gosling beaten only to wrap the top of the cross bar.

CANBERRA: Hos- zowski, Young, Murray, T. Byrne, Christopoulos, Bryant, G. Byrne, Cole, McLaren, Gibson, Farina.

NEWCASTLE: Gos- ling, Boogard, Tredinnick, Mason, Watson, Bourke, Cowburn, Lee, Mount- ford, Jones, Brandt (Sen- kalski, 79m).

REFEREE: Glynn Davis.

CROWD: 2,518.

HAT TRICK FEAT IN DEBUT

STEVE'S A WINNER FOR MARCONI

by Keith Gilmour

Recently-arrived Englishman Steve Winn made a sensa- tional start for Mar- conni by scoring a hat trick in his very first game for the club.

Without his assistance, it is hardly likely that Marconi would have scraped home 5-4 in a game that was full of in- terest.

Winn was a team-mate of the club's classy mid- fielder Tom Sermanni at Torquay United and even the most fastidious Mar- conni fan would have no doubt that the club has secured two excellent footballers.

It seemed at the start that Winn was a little short on pace, but that

was not the case when he warmed up to the game.

The fact was that he took a severe knock on the knee in the Wednesday night Youth League game and was under constant treatment for three days to get him fit.

In the match he showed speed along the wing, knew when to unload the ball, and revealed a crack- ing shot.

This was an unusual game. There were nine goals to whet the appetite, all served up in four phases.

The first lasted 38 minutes and saw the Wolves let their chances go beg- ging with almost mono- tonous regularity.

The next ran from the 39th to the 60th minute, in which Marconi built up an apparently unbeatable 4-1 lead.

Then Wollongong pul- led up to even at 4-all, and finally in extra time young Attilio Carbone unleashed a stinging shot which was the winning goal.

The game opened with an unhappy incident in which Marconi goal- keeper Bruce James fel- led his own striker Ian Hunter. James came right out to the edge of his pen- alty area and accidentally caught Hunter with a blow that laid him out.

After 12 minutes Jim McBreen hit the base of the post from a short Phil O'Connor cross, and from then on the Wolves were regularly close to scoring.

Winn then took a hand in proceedings to turn on a sixpence and ram in his shot after Jeff Ainsworth had stopped a Jay O'Rourke centre on the

line. Then he flicked one in off his head for a 2-0 halftime lead.

Roy Cotton began to take a hand in proceed- ings and Vic Bozanic fouled him in a telling run into the box. Peter Willis quickly despatched the penalty.

Then came Mark Jan- kovics goal, predictably from a Winn cross, and the score went to 4-1 as Winn broke through the centre to whip in a left- foot drive.

Marconi's defence fell to pieces as Cotton scored, Bozanic netted with an own goal and then John Fleming struck the equal- iser from close range.

But the Wolves could not maintain their im- petus and Carbone brought the fans to their feet with a winning goal for the home side.

MARCONI: James, Bozanic, O'Rourke, Djord- jevic, Budini, Degney, Carbone, Sermanni, Hunter, Jankovics, Winn.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Preston, Willis, Pollard, Dunleavy, McBreen, Ainsworth, Dixon, Flem- ing, Cotton, Gaffney, O'Connor.

REFEREE: B. Wil- kinson.

CROWD: 2160

ADELAIDE "derby day" almost died a death at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday but thankfully for the fans the game exploded in the second half when Adelaide City came from behind to beat West 2-1.

The Hawks, after a dour first half marred by sheets of rain, jumped into the lead as the sun came through in the 63rd minute.

Steve Atsalas latched on to a ball inside the City box following a cross from winger Graham Heys.

But the triumph was short-lived as three minutes later, City winger Charlie Villani collected a pass on the right from sub- stitute Peter Rankin, who had raced down the middle of the park, and gave Garry Sproul no chance.

It was Rankin who proved himself a super sub when he again set up a goal... this time for mid- fielder Sergio Melta in the 85th minute.

After the game Rankin said City coach Bobby Fer- guson had told him to go out and "shake things up" when he put him on in the 56th minute replacing striker Steve Maxwell.

West coach Alan Vest al- so sent on one of his wizz kids — 16 year old State Youth Squad striker Nick Malavazos in the 71st minute.

He replaced the injured full-back Ian McGregor, with Alsas dropping back.

Malavazos almost be- came a hero in his first

National League appear- ance when he headed down a cross only to see the ball kicked off the line with Ci- ty goalkeeper Willie McNally beaten.

It was a compliment to both teams and referee Donald Campbell that there were no bookings.

Certainly Campbell had a word for a few players on both sides during the match but this did not in- terfere with the flow of the game.

Whether by accident or design, the match, particu- larly in the second half, was tailored for the spec- tators with both teams throwing everything into attack and taking a chance on conceding goals by leav- ing gaps at the back.

In the end those tactics proved expensive for West. Maybe captain and sweeper Neil McGachey is being missed more than some people imagine.

He is still out of action with a broken toe suffered in the visit to Newcastle on April 24.

While the loss was ex- pensive for West, the three points were vital for City who were beginning to tot- ter as their supporters lost faith and started to "rock the boat" and agitate... not only for a change of coach, but replacement of the

management committee. Coach Ferguson must have been delighted with the performance of midfield- ers Stewart Blair and Villani.

Blair not only fought for every ball against his former club but screamed out instructions to his younger team mates.

Voillani, at one stage transfer-listed by Fergu- son, proved his work rate has lifted and his under- standing with Melta caused West a ton of trouble.

For the Hawks it will be little consolation but striker Paul Wormley could have scored with an once of luck while winger Graham Heys again proved he is a magic crosser of the ball and Graham Honeyman has few peers when it comes to taking on a defence.

But goals count and this time it was City's "derby."

TEAMS—

WEST: Sproul, McGregor (Malavazos 71m), Amey, Dunn, Hiern, Brennan, Manou, Atsalas, Heys, Wormley, Honeyman.

CITY: McNally, Nys- kohus, Dods, Cole, Ban- field, Melta, Blair, Carter, Villani, Mullen, Maxwell (Rankin 56m).

REFEREE: D. Campbell.

CROWD: 3,825.

ROUND UP



THEY SHOULD HAVE WON



John Muskovits (Saints) shields the ball as Peter Raskopoulos rushes in at Pratten Park.

NO LUCK FOR OLYMPIANS

BY TOM ANDERSON

If there was any justice in the world, Sydney Olympic would be three points better off at the present time.

For if ever the Olympians deserved to win a game it was against St George at Pratten Park last Sunday.

Olympic lost 2 - 1 and are now scratching their heads wondering how on earth the valuable points slipped through their grasp after dominating 80 percent of the match.

Lady Luck did not smile on Olympic at Pratten Park that's for sure; however young striker Mark Koussas must have had a nightmare over his performance.

Koussas should have had a hat trick and missed chance after chance when well placed in front of Saints goal.

The finishing touch this player once possessed has seemingly vanished and he only looks a pale shadow of the player who was knocking in the goals 12 months ago.

Another factor in Olympic's tale of woe was the performance of Saints goalkeeper Terry Greedy who played like a man inspired.

At one stage in the second half of this game it was Greedy against Olympic and he was positively brilliant.

There will be no argument from me on this performance if he is included in the Soccerroo team against England in the coming international series.

The game got off in tre-

mendous fashion when John O'Shea put Saints ahead following a corner on the right.

Two minutes later Mike Coady levelled the score - again from a corner.

From then on the two teams battled away at each other hammer and tongs with Olympic having the upper hand.

Then completely against the run of play Saints substitute Paul Wilkinson grabbed the winner with a header in the 70th minute.

Olympic tried hard to get the equaliser but when Soper rattled the woodwork with a tremendous effort in the 82nd minute it definitely was not to be Olympic's day.

Saints naturally enough were happy with the result and why not - any win is a good win!

But I felt sorry for Tommy Docherty Olympic's coach.

He prepared his team well, his tactics were correct and he did everything possible to get a result.

Through no fault of The Doc his team lost but that is football.

This match proved it's a funny game - even though it's not meant to be.

OLYMPIC: Maier; Rogers, Coady, Herbert, Jennings; Raskopoulos (Phillips 86m), Katholos; Patalis, Koussas, Soper, Kalatzis.

ST GEORGE: Greedy;

Skeen, R.O'Shea, Ratcliffe, M.O'Shea; J.O'Shea, Stone, Barton; Slater, Muskovits (Wilkinson

54m), Marton.
REFEREE: Tony Boskovic.
CROWD: 4491.

WHAT HAPPENED TO GOALS ?

BY Con Nikolopoulos

VICTORIA was hit by a very severe goal drought last weekend.

The unexpected

drought manifested itself in a goalless draw on Saturday between Footscray and Heidelberg United who shared the points and the abuse of

MITCH IS BACK

BY JOHN FIELD

DAVID MITCHELL scored his first league goal of the season against Leichhardt, but more importantly the big Sydney City forward displayed scintillating form in the second half at the Athletic Field.

Returning to the Slickers' team after an absence of six weeks, Mitchell used his natural acceleration to great effect and repeatedly cut holes in the Leichhardt defence.

He showed delicate footwork and control to score a minute from the end which gave the Slickers a 2-0 victory.

Australia's caretaker coach Frank Arok must surely recall Mitchell to the Soccerroo squad for the England series, providing he continues such form.

Slickers coach Eddie Thomson was full of praise for his players after yet another week of turmoil at the club.

Thomson said: "Before the game it was like a morgue in our dressing room. The players were so low and they played like it in the first half."

"But they bounced back in the second half and it just goes to show even when the chips are down we are still championship contenders."

Saturday's game was certainly one of two halves. The first half belonged to Leichhardt. Midfielders John Bradley, Johan Scharmann, Terry Butler and Peter Tredinnick featured prominently in the build-up.

Tredinnick and Scharmann had chances saved by Slickers' goalkeeper Todd Clarke: his second effort was a splendid one-handed reflex save which he tipped over the bar.

There was more urgency about the Slickers in the second half. Forwards John Kosmina and Mitchell

ROUND UP

NO SCHINTLER SHELTER !

BY JOCK STEPHEN

FOOTSCRAY's move to improve the attendance figures by playing Heidelberg at Footscray last Saturday could have been unlucky... with rain falling about an hour before kick-off.

The lack of a sheltered area probably kept people away, but the weather took up with fine sunshine and a northerly breeze all afternoon.

Footscray were tackling the headwind with relish and neither side was on top early on. Theo Selemidis and Joe Angele were the leaders in building up several raids on Footscray territory.

The ninth minute saw an Angele shot deflected on to the cross bar for a corner.

Ian Purdie, new signing from Canberra, was shaping up to Footscray's advantage in conjunction with hard worker Joe Carroll.

This spell for Footscray had them in their best form for this season, and it was great to see the

enthusiasm coming back into their game again. A sparkling piece of play by Zdravko Lujic, who drew two players before laying on a cross ball to Ian Purdie in the 16th minute, found Purdie's shot astray.

Selemidis deserved better luck after 25 minutes, when he ran onto the ball 20 metres out only to hit the cross bar like a rocket with Dennis Boland well beaten.

Heidelberg's man of the game was Derek Lea, who was everywhere at all times. The press box christened him "Lively Lea" for his great showing over the 90 minutes.

With half-time looming, Carroll combined well with Paton to give Zdravko Lujic a glorious opportunity to score, but

Jeff Olver had luck on his side as the shot brought only a corner.

It was Heidelberg who were more composed when play resumed and Footscray's play had lost a little of its glamour. In fact, Heidelberg had Footscray anchored, and this situation did not change when Juan Torro came on for Scott Pateron at the 56th minute.

Ken Morton felt his boys had at least four chances in the first half which could have made the game safe for Heidelberg, but otherwise he was satisfied with the point.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland, Curovic, Hazabent, Kyriakoules, Tuttill, Belic, Taylor, Carroll, Purdie (McLeod 77m), Paton, Lujic.

HEIDELBERG: Olver, MacKie, Yankos, Spanos, McLeod, Valentine, Selemidis, Campbell, Patterson, (Juan Torro 67m), Lea, Angele.

REFEREE: S. Zoumas.
CROWD: 1,500.

the crowd for their lowly performance. It continued Sunday with the second local derby, South Melbourne versus Preston, also finishing with a nil-all draw result.

The Middle Park game could best be described as a bout of ariel ping pong for both sides kept the ball in the air most of the game despite the strong wind.

South Melbourne was more impressive, particularly in the second half

when they forced Preston to defend desperately with 10 men lined up inside goalkeeper Wilson's area.

Peter Laumets excelled in the first half. Odzakov connected with the perfect cross by Ilioski evading two tackles and releasing a low drive which Laumets controlled.

Richard Wilson also scored full marks in the 24th minute, blocking a point-blank shot by Charlie Egan. Souths nifty for-

ward outmanouvered Opasins and Jones inside the area but Wilson's brave dive denied him the best opportunity of the opening half.

Souths kept on dictating the pace of the game with quick bursts forward, but lack of co-ordination in the forward line prevented them penetrating through Preston's solid defence.

Appeals for penalties from both sides were made to the referee Voutsinas for alleged handling of the ball but the referee dismissed both appeals urging players to continue with the game.

South Melbourne kept up the pressure in the second half desperately looking for their first win in five weeks.

They threw themselves into attack and hounded Wilson's goal from all directions but to no avail.

Vlado Bosinovski made his debut with South Melbourne in the second half deputising for Soccerroo Bobby Russell who went off at half-time with a complaint. Bosinovski made a good impression with his skills and anticipation but he found it extremely difficult to compete against Preston's determined defenders who refused to give Rale Rasic's players an inch.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Yzendoorn, Xanthopoulos, Blair, Russell (Bosinovski 46m), Murphy, Halford, Crino, Wooddin, Egan, Brown.

PRESTON: Wilson, Opasins, Jones, Ollerton, McMillan, Flavell, Ilioski, Odzakov, Ward, Lucchesi, Campbell.

REFEREE: D. Voutsinas.
CROWD: 7,000.

SECOND HALF REVIVAL

began to put more pressure on the Leichhardt defence as a result of the midfield inspiration of Paul Kay and Joe Watson.

Watson was far more damaging when he dropped deeper.

He instigated the Slickers' first goal when he showed his wizardry on the right, evaded Ian Gray's tackle and found Gerry Gomez unmarked on the left.

Gomez found the net with a spectacular goal on the volley from 20 metres in the 63rd minute.

The awkward Gomez, who repeatedly tripped over the ball or stood on it, almost had two more goals - one from a bicycle kick and the other took a deflection off a Leichhardt player and hit the post.

Leichhardt could have snared a point, but Baz Giampaolo missed an open goal following a quick throw in the 73rd minute.

Clarke had every reason to blast his defence for slack marking.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke, Cant, Robertson, O'Connor, Bruce, Kay, Watson, Souness, Gomez, Kosmina, Mitchell.

LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse, Carter, Bertogna, Pullen, Gray,

Butler, Tredinnick, Bradley, Scharmann, Morsello (Valeri 68), Giampaolo.

REFEREE: Doug Rennie.
CROWD: 1,317.



Robbie Dunn, West Adelaide's centre-back, has at last had an operation on his broken right wrist.

He had been playing with it strapped and it was giving him trouble after every game, with a large swelling appearing under the break.

"I had a quick operation when we had the NSL free weekend and so far it hasn't given me any trouble," said Dunn who had been playing with painkillers.

If you see a giant figure appearing in a West Adelaide strip don't think it's Jack Charlton making a comeback.

It's David Evans, an 18 year old 6ft 5in central defender, who is Charlton's double on the park.

He's starring in West's SA State League team after joining the club from Perth.

Evans was persuaded to sign by Robbie Dunn, the Hawks current centre-back, who also came from Perth.

Sydney City Slickers will give Saturday another go when they play South Melbourne at the Athletic Field on May 28.

Slickers are steering

clear of the Sunday and hope to lure the Sydney Greek community to the match against the Greek-sponsored Victorian side.

On the Sunday, those Sydney Greeks will be at Pratten Park to see Olympic against Newcastle KB United.



Mark Koussas: picked

Sydney Olympic fans are starting to worry about their team's chances of success this season. Some have even been taunting coach Tommy Docherty at training sessions.

Recently, after a training run, one Olympic supporter shouted to The Doc: "Why don't you pick Mark Koussas?"

He got a quick answer: "Why don't you drop dead!"

Peter Van Rijn is about to make a comeback. He's been asked to join Australia's squad for the three internationals against England next month.

Most footballers are very shy about their age. Not Marconi goalkeeper Allan Maher, though.

Allan told ASW: "I'm the oldest goalie in the National League."

There are rumblings from the lower ranks because Adelaide City "stacked" its Second Division State League team when the NSL had a break for the Queensland NSW State match.

City fielded forward Charlie Villani, goalkeeper Willie McNally and striker Steve Maxwell against Whyalla City.

The score was 1-1. West had NSL goalkeeper Gary Sproul in its line-up and midfielder Chris Manou went on as substitute to lay on the winning goal for George Konstandopoulos.



Maxwell (Adelaide City) and Heirn (West Adelaide): tussle.

There is nothing in the rules to prevent the clubs fielding their complete NSL sides.

And Beograd coach Zoran Matic said he wouldn't have minded if West had played more senior men as he wanted a test for his players, with a view to joining a regionalised National League next year.

Adelaide City could have a guest player from England within the next few weeks.

• Mick Channon, due to guest for Newcastle, could also be seen in SA.

Salisbury, whose plan to bring out Martin Chivers broke down when the former England and Tottenham star had to have a knee operation, hopes to do a deal with Channon.

When the striker was here on his previous guest stint he also guested in the Perth State League.

Coach Bobby Ferguson, a former Scottish international and West Ham player, has a list of possibilities provided by contacts in England, but has yet to decide on a player — or whether to scrap the idea and go for a permanent signing.

It could happen only in Australian Soccer. It has been suggested that Brisbane's two teams, City and Lions, will play in the southern section (with Melbourne, Adelaide etc.) in the proposed regional National League.

The competition is being regionalised to save money on air travel — believe it or not!

Players are dropping out of England's tour of Australia like flies after a whiff of Mortein.

Ipswich Town's trio, Paul Mariner, Russell Osman and Terry Butcher are the latest defections. And it has already been stated that the stars from Arsenal, Spurs, Manchester United and Liverpool are not being released by their clubs.

Despite claims from the Australian Soccer Federation that England would send a full-strength squad, people in the know realised the ASF was talking rubbish.

Newcastle KB Raiders will have Mike Channon on the job for the first of his guest matches against Marconi on June 5. Channon, one of the best "guests" to come to Australia, is available for five matches, four of which are at home.

Winger Brett Gemmell is out of the Newcastle side for the entire season with cruciate ligament damage. Another player who has been missed due to injury is the talented Nigel Drysdale.

Who was the wife of an Avala player who entered the Croatia dressing room and ticked off a player who had apparently been involved in a field incident in which her husband had been injured, Tut, tut!

Australian captain John Kosmina was looking forward to meeting up again with Arsenal's Graham Rix when the Englishmen are here in June. However it seems that club commitments are going to rule Rix out of the squad.

Women in Soccer

By Don Balmain

THE Lightning Premiership concluded in the Victorian Women's pre-season competition last weekend.

Played in very windy conditions, the contest went off without a hitch. The games were played on the Sunbury club's fields which were in excellent condition.

Winners of the first division were Greensborough and the second division was won by Broadmeadows.

Greensborough played right through three games to gain the maximum six points. They were followed by Waverley with two wins, Footscray with one win and Bendigo in last place with straight losses.

In second division, Broadmeadows was closely shadowed by Sunbury in the final result. Broadmeadows gained three wins and a draw to gain seven points whilst Sunbury was close with three wins. Watsonia could not get it together and weighed in with three draws while Sunshine and Melbourne Uni shared the remaining places with two draws each.

A team from the southern suburb of Bundeena (Sydney), will play in Victoria during the May school holidays and will be contesting a series of "friendlies" during their short trip.

A projected visit in October is being arranged for the powerful St George district (Sydney) side, also to Victoria.

With quite a number of State players in its ranks, Saints will need formidable opposition when it makes the visit.

What a pity men's games cannot be confined to Saturday afternoon. The Broadmeadows girls will not want to have a heavy night on Saturday for a while. They have been told that their home games must start at 10.00am so their senior men can play at 2.45pm.

It is a pity that the top team, Waverley, had to meet underdogs, Footscray so early in the competition. Although they were defeated 10-0, Footscray were a determined lot and gave the leaders trouble early in the game.

One of the highlights was when Theresa Jones, the Australian goalkeeper playing inside-forward for Waverley, scored a brilliant goal.

In Sydney, the metropolitan league for the NSW Women's Association started three weeks ago and one of the more interesting matches held

recently was between the Forest club from the Manly-Warringah district and Arncliffe Scots from St George area.

Played as an away game for the Scots on Miller Reserve, Manly Vale, it was an indication of what strong women's football can do — even though both teams were depleted through injury.



Cindy Heydon: captain

Chris Bradley, a former NSW player, occasionally caused hasty rearrangement in the Forest defence in her sorties down the left-wing.

It was not until the 18th minute that there was any score.

With Arncliffe-Scots causing problems to the Forest defence by crowding them back into their penalty area, NSW State player, Mandy Langlar, handled the ball.

The resulting penalty had Scots up 1-0 at half-time, even though Forest tried desperately to level the score before the break.

The first half concluded with the Forest coach not happy with the way his team had left a path in the centre for Cindy Heydon to distribute the ball to her forwards.

Former Australian player, Rose van Bruinessen, playing at centre-back for Scots, continually put her team into attack by powerful kicking.

Most of the second half was end-to-end with Forest trying hard to gain the equaliser but unable to do so because of the tight defence of the Arncliffe team.

Full time was blown with no increase in the score and Arncliffe Scots took home the two points.

READERS FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point. Write to The Editor, Australian Soccer Weekly, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007.

So Scheinflug and reporter Anderson say we now have Australia's greatest-ever youth team. Rubbish I say. In 1981 Australia had super players like Crino, Raskopoulos, Mitchell, Koussas, Kay and Hunter. The only super players this time are McCulloch and Lowe and I am even not sure about them.

Australia doesn't deserve outstanding coaches. Rasic's team lose four games and all the knockers are happy. Docherty gets a couple of bad results with Olympic and the fans want to kill him. And we all know what happened to Wallace (Apia) and Collins (Olympic) in 1982. Coaching standards in Australia have risen to a huge extent in the past 10 years so why should these top coaches have to suffer so much abuse.

G McDONALD, Canberra.

Since arriving in Australia from Germany three months ago, I have become a regular ASW reader. As coach of Sydney Uni Soccer club, I am very pleased to find not only Australian but also international Soccer news and results in ASW. I was even more delighted to find Paul Breitner on ASW's front page recently, one of Germany's all time greats, who will visit Australia in October.

A little mistake should be amended. In the picture, Breitner is not shown with the West German Cup but

the award for the German Championship — commonly nicknamed by German soccer players as the "Salad Bowl".

LUTZ FUELLGRAF, North Sydney.

I agree with Jim Hermiston and Simon Kistemaker. Our Queensland "Young Roos" should play in our Lions-City Derby. Our Queensland match of the season would be less attractive without Danny Wright, Russell Stewart and Stephen Glockner. The club owe the players, but the players owe the club too. Lions v. City without our three young roos — 500 to 800 fans would stay at home. It is not good for our code! What could happen in the two warm-up games in Costa Rica, Mr Schienflug?? For the first time in eight years football friendship I'm disagreeing with you, Les. I stay with Jim H. and Simon K. Good luck to the Young Roos in Mexico 83.

Klaus Eggers, Brisbane.

NSL clubs are in no position to dictate any terms regarding the change of ethnic names! I am sure that State League club Melita and Croatia will firmly reject any such moves by NSL. If these two clubs enjoyed such a big popularity with their ethnic names in NSW Federation, they could enjoy a better popularity in a newly-proposed regional league if they retain their names!

How on earth, can NSL clubs think of including Croatia and Melita in their set-up when it is known that their application to NSL (PSL) has been rejected several times: If NSL counts on Croatia and Melita to make up the number in their league they are in for a big disappointment. If, however, the plans for a new regional league go ahead next year, it should involve all State Federations together with present NSL clubs to work out Soccer's future in Australia. NSL should not behave like a private enterprise: it should act for the benefit of all Soccer lovers, then things will fall back in to place!

BRANKO KOLAK, West Murrumbidgee.



The goal that set Aberdeen on the road to victory in the final of the European Cup Winners' Cup. Eric Black (on ground) pushes the ball past Real Madrid goalkeeper Agustin after just six minutes. Black, who had a great match, is in Scotland's Youth team to play Australia in the WYC in Mexico.

ABERDEEN CRACKS WINNERS' CUP

The young Scottish Aberdeen side, with an average age of only 23, proved too strong for the famous Real Madrid, crushing the Spaniards 2-1 in the Cup Winners' Cup Final played in heavy rain at Gothenburg, Sweden.

Aberdeen hit the lead in only the sixth minute, through a goal by their World Youth striking sensation, Eric Black.

The Real Madrid goalkeeper spilled a cross ball into the box and in a flash, the tall gangling striker Black, swooped on it from very close range to hammer it into the opposite corner of the net.

In the 16th minute, Real Madrid hit back with a penalty awarded by the Italian referee.

Aberdeen's centre-back, Alex McLeish, tried to pass back to his goalkeeper, Jimmy Leighton, on the wet pitch. The ball

slowed down and Real's central striker, Santillana, zipped in to intercept. Watching in horror, Leighton was left with no choice at all and brought down Santillana around the ankles.

Real Madrid's experienced midfielder, Juanito, smashed his penalty shot to the keeper's left, leaving Leighton off-balance going the wrong way.

With the scoreboard 1-1 at half-time, no further goals came in the second half. But the much younger and stronger Aberdeenians began to cut Real Madrid to pieces.

Aberdeen's "gear-box"

of Cooper, Simpson, Weir and the roving terror, Gordon Strachan, slowly but surely asserted their authority over Real's trio of Juanito, Steilike and Gallego.

Aberdeen's manager, Alex Ferguson, was forced to replace his star striker, Eric Black, with Johnny Hewitt.

Black retired with an injured left ankle, (Australia take note), and Hewitt's replacement scored the winning goal in extra time.

In the 112th minute, showing great determination as well as imagination, Peter Weir, having a

magnificent second half, cut loose and busted down the left flank flicking the ball inside to striker Mark McGhee.

McGhee immediately slung an outswinging cross-ball into the box, inches from Real's goalkeeper's reach, to find Johnny Hewitt racing through with a diving header to crash the ball into the net.

Another of Scotland's World Youth team players, Neil Cooper, operating from the midfield, had a strong match for the "Dons".

Tommy Docherty, Sydney Olympic's manager-coach, who was Channel 0-28's guest in the studio with presenter, Les Murray, had remarked at half-time that he favoured Aberdeen's chances if the match went into extra time.

His forecast was bang-on target.

Docherty also stated on the programme that Aberdeen has a management committee of only three members, insinuating that, that is why Aberdeen have been such a success this year.



"Now when I let go of your foot — I want you to do something that does not come naturally."

YUGOSLAVIA	
Zel S'jevo - Hajduk	2-2
Oli L'jana - Partizan	0-0
Ofk - Sarajevo	2-0
Gal Zemun - Rijeka	3-1
Slo Tuzla - Bud Tito	2-1
Di Zagreb - Red Star	2-1
Di V'kovci - V Mostar	2-0
Rad Nis - Osijek	1-0
V'dina NS - Var Sko	3-2

W	D	L	F	A	P
Partizan	15	9	4	48	27 39
Di Zagreb	13	11	4	50	32 37
Hajduk	10	14	4	41	29 34
Red Star	11	10	7	48	41 32
Radnicki	12	8	8	35	34 32
Sarajevo	10	9	9	40	35 31

HOLLAND	
Go Ahead - G'gen	3-1
Ajax - Sittard	6-5
Haarlem - Helm Sp	2-2
NAC Breda - F'noord	2-3
Ex R'dam - Utrecht	0-2
Spa R'dam - Willem	3-0
PSV - AZ '67	1-0
Nijmegen - Roda JC	2-3
Twente - Zwolle	2-0

W	D	L	F	A	P
Ajax	26	6	2	106	41 58
F'noord	22	10	2	72	39 54
PSV	21	9	4	80	34 51
Sp R'dam	12	13	9	64	52 37
Groningen	11	15	8	67	57 37

ROMANIA	
Czechoslovakia beat Romania 1-0 in their European Group Five match in Bucharest. Scorer — Vizek (40m, pen.).	

SPAIN	
Spain beat Malta 3-2 in a European Group Seven tie in Valletta. Scorers — Spain: Carrasco (23 and 61m), Gordillo (84m). Malta: Busuttil (30 and 47m).	

W	D	L	F	A	P
Spain	4	1	0	10	5 9
Holland	2	1	1	9	3 5
Ireland	2	1	2	7	7 5
Malta	1	0	3	10	11 2
Iceland	0	1	3	6	6 1

Next: Iceland v Spain, May 29.

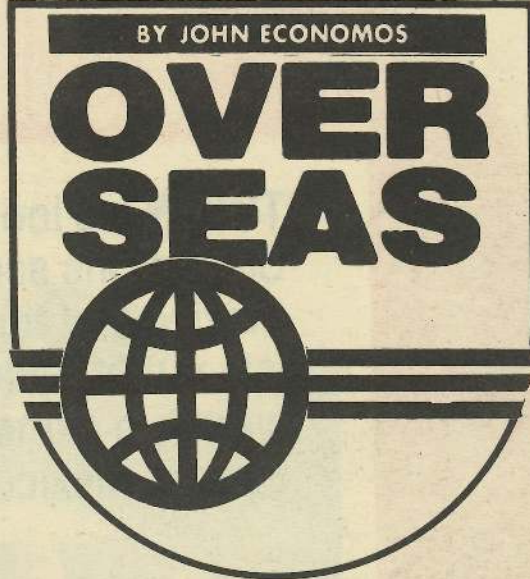
HUNGARY	
Greece beat Hungary 3-2 in their European Championship Group Three match in Budapest. Scorers — Greece: Anastopoulou (16m), Kospikos (33m), Acaioannou (55m). Hungary: Nyilasi (25m), Hajszan (89m).	

W	D	L	F	A	P
England	3	2	0	16	2 8
Denmark	2	1	0	5	3 5
Greece	2	1	2	5	6 5
Hungary	2	0	2	14	9 4
L'Bourg	0	0	5	5	25 0

Next: Denmark v Hungary, June 1.

Final Table:		ITALY				
		W	D	L	F	A
Roma	.....	16	11	3	47	24
Juventus	.....	15	10	5	52	27
Inter	.....	11	15	4	41	26
Verona	.....	11	13	6	37	31
F'ina	.....	12	10	8	36	25
Udinese	.....	6	20	4	25	29
S'doria	.....	8	15	7	31	30
Torino	.....	9	12	9	30	28
A'lino	.....	8	12	10	29	34
Napoli	.....	7	14	9	22	29
Pisa	.....	8	11	11	27	27
Genoa	.....	6	15	9	34	38
Ascoli	.....	9	9	12	32	37
C'liari	.....	6	14	10	23	33
Cesena	.....	4	14	12	22	35
C'zaro	.....	2	9	19	21	56

Cagliari, Cesena and Catanzaro relegated.



ANOTHER SCANDAL!

ITALIAN fans are asking... "Is Milan a crooked Soccer city?"

The Milanese were shocked to hear that yet another bribery scandal concerning one of their teams is being investigated.

AC Milan lost their first division place a few years ago after bribery charges were substantiated. This time, the mud flying around is aimed at Inter Milan.

Inter claim there is no proof that their players agreed to "arrange" a draw in the match against Genoa.

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A WEISE MOVE

DIETRICH Weise coached the West German team which won the 1981 World Youth Championship in Australia in 1981.

As a full-time employee of the West German Football Federation (DFB), Weise is one of the country's most respected coaches.

Now Weise has decided to move into club coaching. He will take over at Kaiserslauten.

WEST GERMANY	
Eintr'furt - Schalke	3-2
B'wick - Stuttgart	1-2
Ku Torpedo - Kis Nistru	0-1
Bochum - Dortmund	2-2
Bor M'bach - Hertha	3-1
Hamburg - Cologne	2-1
Karlsruher - D'dorf	2-1
B'L'kusen - Werder	1-1
Fieefeld - Nuremberg	3-0

FRANCE	
Lens - Sochaux	3-0
Mulhouse - Rouen	0-0
Bordeaux - Tours	1-0
Bastia - Auxerre	1-0
Paris SG - Metz	3-1
Brest - St'bourg	1-0
Lyons - Lille	3-1
Laval - Toulouse	2-1
Nantes - S Etienne	4-2
Nancy - Monaco	2-1

BRAZIL	
Championship semi-final first leg:	
Flamengo - Atletico Parana	3-0
Santos - Atletico Mineiro	2-1

SWITZERLAND	
Switzerland and East Germany drew 0-0 in a European Championship Group One match in Berne.	

W	D	L	F	A	P
Belgium	4	0	0	10	4 8
S'erland	1	2	1	4	5 4
Scotland	1	1	2	6	7 3
E Germany	0	1	3	2	6 1

HUNGARY	
Hungary and Greece drew 1-1 in a European Under-21 Championship Group Three match in Hungary.	
Scores — Greece: Papadopoulos. Hungary: Gere.	

PETROVIC LEAVES ENGLAND

Yugoslavia's World Cup player, Vladimir Petrovic, wants to leave England's Arsenal and go to Belgium to sign up with Antwerp.

The Belgian club said they had reached an agreement with Petrovic and will sign him on a two year contract at the end of June.

The Yugoslav crack midfielder joined the Gunners in December of last year for 718,000 Aust.

Petrovic played his last match for Arsenal last Saturday against Aston Villa at Villa Park.



WITH the West German championship building up to a big climax as Hamberg SV and Werder Bremen battle for the title, the big shock in the weekend games was Bayern Munich's 1-0 home defeat at the hands of Kaiserslauten.

BAYERN'S SURPRISE DEFEAT

That result pushed Bayern into fourth place on the table, allowing Stuttgart to climb into third spot. Stuttgart had a 2-1 win away from home against Eintracht Brunswick.

Hamburg have 47 points, followed by Werder Bremen (46), Stutt-

gart (42) and Bayern on 41 points.

Hamburg's 2-1 victory against Cologne was a personal triumph for Jimmy Hartwig who scored both goals for the winners. World Cup winger Pierre Litbarski was Cologne's scorer.

In Munich's Olympic Stadium, the only goal of the game was scored by Kaiserslauten's international defender Hans-Peter Briegal. Bayern lost Wolfgang Dremmler who was sent off.

CRUYFF LEAVES AJAX



The magnificent Dutch World Cup star, Johann Cruyff, will depart on July 1 from Ajax, club chairman Anton Harmsen told the press this week.

Harman stated that the club's negotiations with Cruyff's manager had ended fruitlessly.

However, other news reports stated that Cruyff had said that Ajax had avoided discussing new terms for a contract and thus he now was looking for another club.

Cruyff also made it very clear that he wants to play for only ONE more season preferably in Holland, and then he would call it a day.

Rumours have it that Cruyff would be more than interested to go across to Feyenoord Rotterdam.

Meanwhile other European clubs have already started to make bids for this magical Dutch superstar.

THE YOUNG CHAMPIONS

TODAY we look at six more players in our Young Champions series. It's getting close to the WYC Finals in Mexico and tomorrow (Wednesday) the Australian team jets out of Sydney. The Young Socceroos will play two warm up games in Costa Rica before their opening match against Mexico on June 2 at the Azteca Stadium.



JIMMY PATIKAS

BIRTHDAY: October 18, 1963.
BORN: Alexandria, Sydney.
SCHOOL: Fort Street Boys High.
FIRST JUNIOR CLUB: Leichhardt Police Boys, APLA, Western Suburbs.
SENIOR CLUBS: Sydney City, Sydney Olympic.
INFLUENTIAL PERSON IN CAREER: "My Dad and Eddie Thomson."
FIRST GRADE DEBUT: "With Sydney City against Brisbane City when I was 15 years old."
COUNTRIES VISITED THROUGH SOCCER: New Guinea, Fiji, China, Scotland, Mexico, U.S.A., Costa Rica, Singapore, Indonesia.
THOUGHTS ON MEXICO?: "Very confident and we WILL qualify for the quarter finals."
WHO WILL WIN THE WORLD TITLE?: "Australia of course, with Argentina or Brazil also with a chance."
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT SCOTLAND?: "I lived there for three months when I trained with Aberdeen, so I know most of the players and have played against many of them in training matches. They are all hard and fast."
OTHER COUNTRIES TO FEAR?: "Yes Holland."
N.S.L. PLAYERS YOU RATE?: "Joe Watson and David Mitchell."
OVERSEAS PLAYERS YOU RATE?: "Tom Mavros from Greece and Scotland's Gordon Strachan."
OCCUPATION: "Presently an Aluminium fabricator but soon to open a Sports store."
CAR YOU DRIVE: "Laser Ghia."
OTHER HOBBIES?: "Beach running and Tennis."
FAVOURITE FOODS: "Schnitzels."
FAVOURITE SOCCER POSITION?: "Attacking midfielder."
GENERAL REMARKS ON SOCCER?: "I hate outside people interfering with the game and players, when they are unqualified to do so."
 "For all junior players, NEVER give up in Soccer."

DAVID LOWE

BIRTHDAY: August 30, 1963.
BORN: Jersey, Channel Islands, U.K.. Came to Australia when nine years old.
SCHOOL: Waratah Boys High.
JUNIOR CLUB: Wallsend, Newcastle.
SENIOR CLUBS: Newcastle K.B. United.
INFLUENTIAL PERSON IN CAREER?: "My Father and Kenny Kaiser."
FIRST GRADE DEBUT?: "Last year against Marconi."
COUNTRIES VISITED THROUGH SOCCER?: "U.S.A. Mexico, Costa Rica, New Guinea."
THOUGHTS ON MEXICO?: "We'll give it a real good shot."
WHO WILL WIN THE WORLD TITLE?: "Australia, but Scotland will be tough as well."
OTHER COUNTRIES WITH A CHANCE?: "Brazil, and Russia."
N.S.L. PLAYERS YOU RATE?: "John Kosmina and Howard Tredinnick."
OVERSEAS PLAYERS YOU RATE?: "Kenny Dalglish and Glenn Hoddle."
OCCUPATION?: "At the moment fulltime Soccer player. Had to temporarily give up course at University in Economics."
CAR YOU DRIVE?: "A 1977 Toyota Corona Waggon."
OTHER HOBBIES?: "All sports including golf and cricket."
FAVOURITE FOODS?: "Most foods."
FAVOURITE SOCCER POSITION?: "Striker."
GENERAL REMARKS ON SOCCER?: "For all Junior players, work on your skills whilst you are young enough. Skills will carry you through in any company and listen to people with advice. Don't accept all of it, only what is relevant information."
 "Most importantly, throughout your Soccer career, ALWAYS remain humble. Soccer is much much bigger than you will EVER BE."

TONY DAKOS

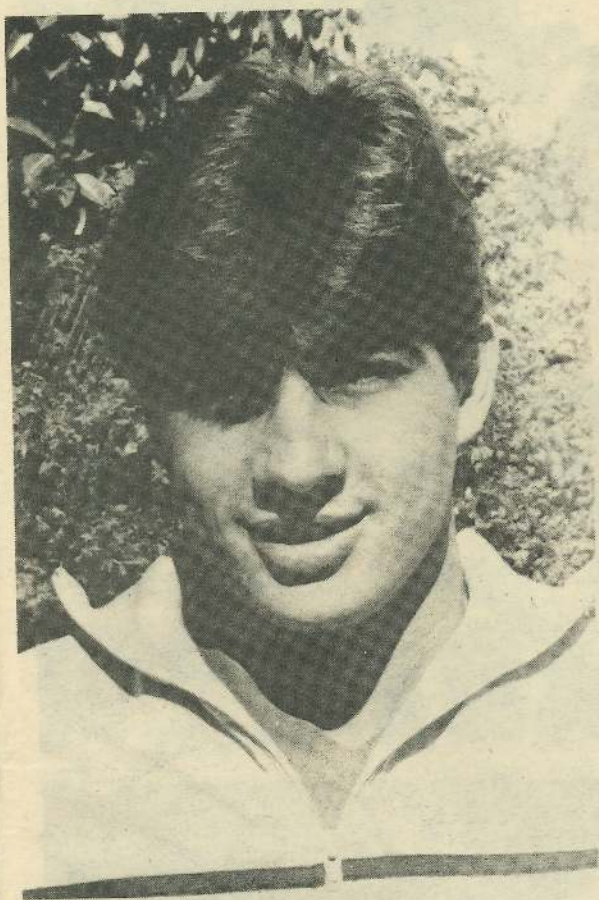
BIRTHDAY: April 9, 1964.
BORN AT: Marrickville, Sydney.
SCHOOL: Ashfield Boys High.
JUNIOR CLUBS?: "APLA, Sydney Olympic Under 16s."
SENIOR CLUBS: "Sydney Olympic only."
INFLUENTIAL PERSONS IN YOUR CAREER?: "Johnny Doyle, Lujba Goykovic and Tommy Docherty."
FIRST GRADE DEBUT?: "Last year in the last PSL round against the Saints."
COUNTRIES VISITED THROUGH SOCCER?: "This trip to Mexico will be my first outside Australia."
THOUGHTS ON MEXICO?: "Very happy to be going. We will do very well."
WHO WILL WIN THE WORLD TITLE?: "Australia, but I'm wary of Scotland most of all."
OTHER COUNTRIES YOU FEAR?: "Russia."
N.S.L. PLAYERS YOU RATE?: "Peter Katholos, David Lowe and Tommy McCulloch."
OVERSEAS PLAYERS YOU RATE?: "Franz Beckenbauer and Johann Cruyff."
OCCUPATION?: "Part-time job as a general hand till I can go to college to study Accountancy."
CAR YOU DRIVE?: "I don't own one."
OTHER HOBBIES?: "Was a long distant runner once but now only Golf and love Movies."
FAVOURITE FOODS?: "Pastichio (Greek Macaroni Speciality) and Steak and Chips."
FAVOURITE SOCCER POSITION?: "Stopper."
OTHER GENERAL REMARKS ON SOCCER?: "When you are young, coaches pressure you a lot. Players should be allowed to go out and enjoy their Soccer and be given the freedom of self-expression."



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RENE LICATA

BIRTHDAY: February 28, 1964.
BORN AT: Turino, Italy. Came to Australia when I was two years old.

SCHOOL: Cabramatta Boys High.
JUNIOR CLUBS?: Marconi Juniors.

SENIOR CLUBS?: Marconi only.
INFLUENTIAL PERSONS IN CAREER?: "Dom Kapetanovic. He was great, plus my dad and Doug Collins."

FIRST GRADE DEBUT?: "Last year against Leichhardt."

COUNTRIES VISITED THROUGH SOCCER?: "Costa Rica, USA, Mexico, New Guinea and Indonesia."

THOUGHTS ON MEXICO?: "Great to go and excellent experience for me. It will be magnificent to appear in World Cup finals with all the professional atmosphere surrounding us."

WHO WILL WIN THE WORLD TITLE?: "Australia but Scotland and Russia will make it tough."

N.S.L. PLAYERS YOU RATE?: "Jimmy Patikas, David Lowe (incredible striker), Tommy McCulloch and Joe Rizzotto. All fabulous players at such a young age."

OVERSEAS PLAYERS YOU RATE?: "Pele and Maradona."

OCCUPATION?: "Sports store sales assistant, till I can start my Accountancy course after Soccer commitments are over with the Youth team."

CAR YOU DRIVE?: "Alfa Romeo 1977."

OTHER HOBBIES?: "Squash and tennis."

FAVOURITE FOODS?: "Spaghetti."

FAVOURITE SOCCER POSITION?: "Specialist winger."

OTHER GENERAL REMARKS ON CODE?: "My pet hates in Soccer are losing and injuries. But there are many good things about Soccer."

"Junior players MUST have good coaches and enjoy the game EVEN at professional levels. Players must concentrate on all their weaknesses as well as their strong points."



ROD BROWN

BIRTHDAY: January 27, 1964.

BORN AT: Bankstown, Sydney.

SCHOOL: Punchbowl Boys High.

JUNIOR CLUBS?: East Bankstown.

SENIOR CLUBS?: Auburn in 1980, A.I.S. 1981 and now Marconi.

INFLUENTIAL PERSONS IN CAREER?: "Both my parents, Norm Boardman and Jimmy Shoulder, Vic Dalglis and Doug Collins."

FIRST GRADE DEBUT?: "Marconi in a Philips Cup match against Wollongong this year."

COUNTRIES VISITED THROUGH SOCCER?: "New Zealand, New Guinea, Mexico, Costa Rica and the U.S.A."

THOUGHTS ON MEXICO?: "Looking forward to going very much, and to do well there."

WHO WILL WIN THE WORLD TITLE?: "Australia with my second choice going to Scotland."

N.S.L. PLAYERS YOU RATE?: "All defenders, especially Steve O'Connor from Sydney City."

OVERSEAS PLAYERS YOU RATE?: "Pele, Kenny Dalglis and Glenn Hoddle."

OCCUPATION?: "Presently unemployed as I had to stop my electrical course at Tech to carry on with Soccer for these World Youth Finals."

CAR YOU DRIVE?: "An FB Holden. It gets me there at least."

OTHER HOBBIES?: "Cricket, Tennis and swimming."

FAVOURITE FOODS?: "Steak and chips."

FAVOURITE SOCCER POSITION?: "Central striker."

OTHER GENERAL REMARKS ON SOCCER?: "I don't like boring coaching sessions. I hate travelling, especially getting on planes. Like being on the move all the time."

"As for young kids playing Soccer, listen to your coaches and always work on your ball skills every spare moment you have."



RALPH MAIER

BIRTHDAY: May 5, 1964.

BORN AT: Wallsend, Newcastle.

SCHOOL: Hamilton Marist Boys High.

JUNIOR CLUB: Warner's Bay.

SENIOR CLUBS: Newcastle K.B. United only.

INFLUENTIAL PERSON IN CAREER?: "My parents Kenny Kaiser and Alan Vest."

FIRST GRADE DEBUT?: "Last year in a PSL match against Heidelberg United."

COUNTRIES VISITED THROUGH SOCCER?: Mexico, U.S.A. Costa Rica, New Guinea.

THOUGHTS ABOUT MEXICO?: "Looking forward to going very much and Australia will go well."

WHO WILL WIN THE WORLD TITLE?: "Australia or Scotland."

ANY OTHER COUNTRIES YOU FEAR?: "Maybe the Soviet Union."

N.S.L. PLAYERS YOU RATE?: "I respect all of them but David Lowe is really something extra special."

OVERSEAS PLAYERS RATED?: "Franz Beckenbauer and Karl Heinz Rummenigge the West German captain, plus Brazil's brilliant Zico."

OCCUPATION?: "Temporarily retired P.E. Student at University."

OTHER HOBBIES?: "All sports especially Tennis and Golf."

FAVOURITE FOODS?: "Schnitzel with salads and vegetables."

FAVOURITE SOCCER POSITION?: "Right-back or stopper."

OTHER REMARKS ON SOCCER?: "The game should become far more positive with many more goals for the spectators to be entertained for their money."

"For all Junior players, they must apply themselves always and show dedication with application always."

BY JOHN ECONOMOS



NEXT WEEK: MORE YOUNG CHAMPIONS

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THE YOUNG CHAMPIONS

HILLMEN KICK-OFF TO A GOOD START

By GARY-CUTLER

AFTER seven games in the State League, Box Hill have shown they are not to be ignored.

Coach Bill Murray is pleased with his team's start to their first season, after gaining promotion from Division One last year.

Bill said: "There is a big difference between the two leagues, this season. We are being punished for mistakes that last year we would have got away with."

"We have conceded nine goals and scored only eight, this is a false situation as we are creating plenty of chances but are not putting them away."

"Northcote City are the only team to have beaten us well; we were weakened by injuries but I am not making any excuses."

"Apart from that game we have more than held our own against the rest of the teams."

"The standard of the players in the State League is a little higher, especially the individuals such as Paul Lewis, Tommy Cumming and so on."

"These players will win a game in 10 minutes if they are allowed to, although the team play is not as good as I anticipated."

"My own squad at Box Hill contains a lot of youngsters who are still learning the game, but I am confident that local players such as Pedro Ramos, Peter Verrechia and Ian Roodhouse can all hold their own in the State League."



Paul Wade, Croydon City wonder boy.

"I have had some key players missing with injury so far but as soon as I get players with the ability of Alan McKenna, Paul Priestly and Carl Patter-

son back into my side then Box Hill will be a very hard team to get a result out of," said Billy.

This week the Hillmen travel to take on Tony Boggi's Morewell outfit who themselves have had an average start so it should be a hard day out for the young side.

OFF THE BALL!

HEIDELBERG United defender Ian MacKie (right) just manages to run Charlie Egan (South Melbourne) off the ball after a sprint towards goal.

This is just another fine action shot from the lens of Australian Soccer Weekly photographer JOHN PUNSHON.



Ian MacKie looks ahead

By PETER DESIRA

Ian MacKie has not given up his ambition to match the achievements of David Mitchell and hopes one day to follow him in the Socceroo team.

The pair grew up together in Adelaide and played representative soccer at youth level in the same teams.

But a tragic car accident put paid to MacKie's chances of making the Young Socceroos team in the 1981 World Youth Championship.

And although he has recovered completely since, Ian has fallen behind in the race for honours with Mitchell who has gone on to senior honours with the National team as well as winning the National League championship with Sydney City.

MacKie graduated to the West Adelaide senior team in 1980 playing in 11 full matches and making two more appearances as substitute.

He followed that up the following year with 19 appearances including five as sub.

However things took a downturn last season and his place in the struggling Westad side was not guaranteed.

So when the chance for a new start at Heidelberg came, he grabbed it with both hands — even though it meant giving up a secure job in South Australia.

"I'm keen to establish myself and felt that my chances were a lot better in Victoria and more particularly at Heidelberg

which has a top team and a top set-up."

His competition at Heidelberg was no less than the longest serving player at Heidelberg Arthur McMillan — who just happened to be the club captain as well — but MacKie's determination has paid off and he has since won the right back spot in his own right.

Perhaps the ultimate compliment was that the club decided to release McMillan.

While MacKie has been doing well on the Soccer field, he is still unemployed locally.

But he is not wasting his time in the meantime... he has been training regularly in the mornings at Heidelberg under coach Ken Morton along with upcoming youngsters Joe Angele and Spiro Kardamitsis.

The future looks bright for the fair haired right-back.

Yarraville favourites

Yarraville, coached by Hellenic Herald sports editor, Manos Milos, are favorites to win promotion to the Victorian Metropolitan League next year.

Their fantastic record so far in Provisional League division one should see them earn promotion probably with Bulleen, Clifton Hill or Hawksburn.

Bulleen had a super year in 1982 playing with two dynamic front runners Laurie Boarotto and Don Sutherland. Although the club is still among the goals this season they are not knitting it together as well as they did last season.

Midfielder available

Former Ringwood Wilhelmina midfielder Willie Coulson, 31, is looking for a new club in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

Coulson, an ex-Southend United (English third division) player, has had experience in Hong Kong and has recently played for Glenorchey Croatia, in Tasmania.

Apart from playing for Ringwood, he has also played for Frankston City in the Victorian State League.

Willie can be contacted on 762 6245.



George Bozikas (left), the Northcote City captain, heads the ball clear of Tom Patsakos, of South Melbourne.

Photo by JOHN PUNSHON.



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Merrick to quit Doveton

By PETER DESIRA

Ernie Merrick is to quit Doveton at the end of the season... but the coach wants to leave on a successful note.

"When I took the job I only intended to do it for a year," said Merrick, who graduated from player to assistant coach and then coach after the departure of Tony Harris last year.

"I don't want to stay too long at Doveton - it's my fifth year there now."

In 1982 he managed to steer the club clear of the relegation zone as much by his coaching prowess as well as the astute recruitment of the two top players from overseas - John Dowie and Ian Storton.

Merrick admits he almost left at the start of the season because of the disappointing start and the way the club's squad was crumbling.

"The team was falling apart with Steve Irvine, Lou Ivanoff, and Jim Train all leaving and if we weren't going to have a go at the top four I was all set to step aside and let someone else have a go.

"The club held a general meeting and put it to the members to get some money from the bank before the Sunshine George

Cross game.

"The money is there now and the club has what it takes to consolidate its place in the State League.

"We have been unable to get a full team together because of injuries but we'll do quite well once the squad is at full strength with the addition of Gary Watson from Scotland."

Merrick originally intended to concentrate on coaching but was forced back into playing after the initial bad results.

"The back four we've got has more endeavour, is quite fast and hard in the tackle. That makes it quite easy for me to sweep behind them and I intend to keep my place until results start going against us."

The renewed interest at the club swung Merrick into staying but the appointment is only short term.



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Bobby Toal, the Green Gully striker, in action. Photo: John Punshon of Australian Soccer Weekly.

It's war on new NSL plan

By Con Nikolopoulos

Regionalisation, the bold invention of the National League, is destined to become the cause of a savage war between the League and the State Federations.

State bodies are silently preparing for their counter attack, once the resolutions of the recent meeting of the Council of National League are forwarded to them for consideration.

"The clash, will be a fatal one", predicted a prominent Victorian official.

"We are not going to take it lying down. We are preparing for the decisive battle against the authorities concerned, and I am confident at this stage, the State bodies will emerge winners."

So far, speculation has led a lot of people to believe that the Victorian clubs, or rather, the members of the proposed Southern Soccer League, will get a raw deal from the proposed regionalisation.

Information leaked to the Press suggests that the Southern League will comprise of 12 teams, eight from Victoria, two from South Australia and two from Brisbane.

Inevitably, the eight Victorian teams will have to travel extensively throughout the season, even if they meet members of the same group once in the same season.

This regular travelling interstate renders invalid the argument that regionalisation will wipe out travelling expenses.

It has also been suggested that each competitive season will culminate to a grand final involving five top teams of each group.

GO FOR IT MIKE

MIKE Valentine (Heidelberg United) slips between two South Melbourne defenders, Bobby Russell (centre) and John Yzendoorn as Heidelberg mounts one of its many forward moves in a recent National Soccer League match at Middle Park Stadium.

Another fine action picture from the lens of Australian Soccer Weekly photographer JOHN PUNSHON.

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AROUND NEW SOUTH WALES

NO GOALS, BUT PLENTY OF TOP ENTERTAINMENT

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

SUTHERLAND and Croatia entertained a large crowd to an enthralling 0-0 draw at Seymour Shaw Park.

Despite the lack of goals there would have been few in the crowd disappointed with the standard of play.

Both teams showed a willingness to attack and it was only a lack of finesse in front of goal which prevented any score.

The first half was dominated by a determined Croatia attack.

The chances came thick and fast. In the 19th minute a Savor corner was headed toward goal by Carrizo, but his attempt was brilliantly tipped over the bar by Haynes.

Croatia had their best chance after Arnold found himself free inside the box, but a low save from Haynes kept the score even.

Sutherland came into their own soon after when a cross from the left flank found Scharfegger free and his low drive was saved by Watson. Seconds later a fine run and subsequent square ball from Groome found Watkins, but his attempt sailed over the bar.

Sutherland were lucky not to be 1-0 down after a seemingly weak shot from Vidaic deceived Haynes and trickled over his body and just past the post.

The second half was highlighted by the effort from the authoritative Sutherland midfield. Time and again Sutherland pushed forward but were held out by the strong Croatia defence.

In the 64th minute a cross from Rogers found Clinch free and his shot beat Watson and hit the post. Despite this letdown Sutherland continued to push forward in the hope of a goal.

This almost came in the 87th minute when a corner kick was headed toward goal by Groome, but Watson deflected the ball onto the crossbar.

There were a host of good players in both



Terry Smith continued to hit the target for Manly last week.

teams with Woods and Kovacic always creative for Croatia in midfield.

For Sutherland Arnold looked a threat in attack, Haynes was extremely safe in goal, Scharfegger was solid in defence and Webber (suffering from flu) was always busy in midfield.

Sutherland: Haynes, Cashman, Watkins, Scharfegger, Dal Forno, Meades, Harrington, Webber, Clinch, Groome, Rogers.

Croatia: Watson, Kovacic, Tomasich, Woods, Sterrey, Vidaic, Kovacic, Savor, Arnold, Carrizo (Radman 45), Davis (Holloway 69).



MANLY moved closer to the top four after they defeated a resolute Bankstown 1-0 at Cromer Park.

The early stages were highlighted by Manly's attacking movements.

Manly could have been several goals up in the early stages, but they missed three good chances in the space of several minutes.

Falconer and Steven both had good opportunities to put Manly ahead.

Manly were rewarded

for their many attacking raids when they scored the winning goal in the 59th minute.

It came after the diminutive Smith latched onto a cross from the left flank and blasted it from close range.

Bankstown maintained an attacking style in the hope of an equaliser but were thwarted by a solid Manly defence.

Their best chance came during one goalmouth scramble, but Doyle was on hand and cleared the ball away from an ensuing Bankstown attacker.

Despite the loss it was a fine team effort from Bankstown with Giffin in goal and Bourke in midfield prominent.

Doyle in defence, Smith up front and Steven (playing his second game in 12 months) performed soundly for Manly.

Manly: Cassateri, Geoghan, Doyle, Falconer, Scott, Jones (Noble 80), Steven, Fox, Smith (Sherman 78), Falconer, Stuart.

Bankstown: Giffin, Kennedy, Agostino, O'Neill, Beck, Blackburn, Bourke, Sirett (Dalton 80), Gilligan, Silenes, Parker.

Goals: Manly (Smith 59).

BLACKTOWN remain unbeaten at home in all grades after their nailbiting 3-2 victory against Cant-M'ville at the Gabbie Stadium.

It was a tough and hard fought tussle with no real creative chances from both sides for the majority of the first half.

Blacktown took the lead when Wheatley ran down the right side, pushed the ball through for McLachlan and his cross was headed in by Walker.

In the 42nd minute Blacktown were ahead 2-0 after McLachlan laid the ball on for Rasmussen and he drove it past El Zein from 15 metres.

Blacktown's in-form goalkeeper Peter Freeman pulled off a miraculous reflex save after a shot from Hall was deflected by Brogan toward goal.

However, Hall was rewarded in the 74th minute when an attempted back pass from Stoddart rebounded off Quarmby and he swooped onto the loose ball and made no mistake.

Blacktown continued to pressure Canterbury despite playing with 10 men for the last 30 minutes.

In the 85th minute Davies crossed the ball along the ground to McLachlan and he made no mistake.

With seconds remaining Theodorakopoulos pegged one back for the Berries after he converted a penalty which was awarded against Brogan for handball.

Blacktown were best served by Wheatley and Rasmussen, while Freeman continued his fine form with an inspiring display in goal.

For Canterbury El Zein played well and Basterfield and Hall are starting to reach full stride after their late start to the season.

Blacktown: Freeman, Brogan, Rasmussen, Wheatley, Pointer (sent off 60), Selva, Davies, Stoddart, Walker, McLachlan, Kirwan (Quarmby 62).

Cant-M'ville: El Zein, Antonopoulos, Hantzis, Laws, Palmer (Poulos 69), Anagnostopoulos, Vasilioiu, Hall, Theodorakopoulos, Basterfield, Mickovic.

Goals: Blacktown (Walker 40, Rasmussen 42, McLachlan 85), Cant-M'ville (Hall 74, Theodorakopoulos 90).



KU-RING-GAI held out Melita in their 1-0 victory at Parklands Oval.

Melita dominated in the early stages and could have hit the lead in the 20th minute. Allan ran on to a lobbed ball forcing Curtis to challenge him for the ball. Allan beat Curtis and crossed the ball to Campbell, but his shot went wide.

Regan almost put Ku-Ring-Gai ahead in the 25th minute when his powerfully struck shot beat McPherson but not the crossbar.

A defensive error in the 65th minute allowed Regan to gain possession and pass it to Eaton who beat two defenders and shot past McPherson.



Tony Rasmussen

Ku-Ring-Gai were well served by Curtis in goal, Knight playing only his second game in first grade and the pairing of Eaton and Regan up front.

Cross was supreme in defence for Melita while Campbell and Griffiths did well in their first full games of the year.

Ku-ring-gai: Curtis, Kevern, Hammond (Scobie 85), Bertram, Robertson, Berry, Knight, Brockbank, Regan, Eaton, Gavin.

Melita: A. McPherson, R. McPherson, Cross, McGinn, McAusland, Griffith, Campbell,

Duarte, Allan (Jameson 75), Farrugia, McKie.
Goals: Ku-Ring-Gai (Eaton 65).



POLONIA celebrated their first win of the season when they defeated Auburn 2-1 at Mona Park.

Polonia were quickly into stride and in the fifth minute Smith put them ahead after he won possession in the midfield and dribbled the ball around the 'keeper and into goal.

Auburn pushed forward for the equaliser and started to dominate the play.

However, against the run of play, Kowalczyk put Polonia further ahead after he successfully obtained possession in the midfield and his angled shot eluded Bowman.

The second half started at a frantic pace with Auburn playing a more controlled game, while Polonia relied on isolated breakaways.

Auburn had numerous narrow misses and toward the end of the half forced Barker to pull off some delicate saves.

Auburn were finally rewarded after a move involving Promelja, McKendrick, and Grieve was finished off by Kilkelly.

Carney, Dale and Kilkelly played with great enthusiasm for Auburn.

Smith up front, Galas in defence and Barker in goal all had excellent games for Polonia.

Polonia: Barker, Garlowski, Geekie, Galas, Lasek, Tracey, Ortega, Sobczyk, Ortega, Kowalczyk, Fuller (Thomas 85).

Auburn: Bowman, McKendrick, Promelja, Quigley, Dale, Lunt, Kinsey (Manago 28), Kilkelly, Townson, Allan (Grieve 69), Carney.

Goals: Polonia (Smith 5, Kowalczyk 20), Auburn (Kilkelly).



AVALA and Yugal played an enthralling 2-2 draw at Knight Park. Avala looked like having a comfortable win at home after leading 2-0 at the break.

Hosseini finished off a spectacular move from a free-kick after an Avala player had been fouled outside the area. In the ensuing movement his fine individual skill allowed him to run through and slot it past the Yugal 'keeper.

Minutes later he made it 2-0 after he converted a goal from the penalty spot after Fontana had apparently been fouled.

The second half was a different story with Yugal figuring prominently in attack. This second half rally resulted in two goals and a share of the points.

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Round 11 — Saturday, May 21

Bankstown v Blacktown City Soccer Centre
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Sunday, May 22

Polonia v Sutherland Shire Chopin Park
S.S.C. Yugal v Auburn Fraser Park
Cant-M'ville Oly. v Avala Arlington Oval
Melita Eagles v Croatia Sydney Melita Stadium

DIVISION 2

Round 11 — Saturday, May 21

Blacktown Utd v Belmore Francis Park
Fairy Meadow v Wollongong Utd ... Police Boys Ground
Revesby Wk's v Warringah N'been Jensen Oval
Uni. of N.S.W. v Artarmon Little Bay Oval

Sunday, May 22

Dee Why v Gladesville Ravens ... Graham Reserve
Parramatta City v Rockdale Garside Park
Nth Bankstown v Penrith United Potts Park

DIVISION 1

Round 12 — Saturday, May 28

Sutherland Shire v S.S.C. Yugal Seymour Shaw Park

Sunday, May 29

Croatia Sydney v Polonia King Tomislav Park
Auburn v Cant-M'ville Oly Mona Park
Avala v Bankstown Knight Park
Manly Warringah v Ku-Ring-Gai Cromer Park
Inter-Monaro v Melita Eagles Marco Polo Oval

DIVISION 2

Saturday, May 28

Dee Why v North Bankstown Graham Reserve
Revesby Workers v Wollongong United Jensen Oval
Artarmon v Warringah-Narabeen Artarmon Reserve

Sunday, May 29

Blacktown United v Penrith United Francis Park
Fairy Meadow v Gladesville Ravens Police Boys Ground
Belmore v Parramatta City Blick Oval
Uni of N.S.W. v Rockdale Little Bay Oval

NSW TABLES

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 1

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia*	8	6	2	0	16	4 14
Blacktown*	9	7	0	2	21	9 14
Sutherland*	9	5	2	2	14	8 12
Melita	9	5	1	3	15	6 11
Manly*	8	5	1	2	14	11 11
Inter-Monaro	9	4	2	3	15	11 10
Avala	10	3	4	3	12	13 10
Ku-Ring-Gai*	8	3	3	2	11	10 9
Yugal	9	2	3	4	10	14 7
Cant-M'ville	9	2	1	6	10	18 5
Polonia*	7	1	3	3	9	17 5
Bankstown*	9	1	2	6	10	20 4
Auburn*	8	0	0	8	7	23 0

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 2

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Blacktown*	9	8	1	0	27	7 17
Sutherland	9	7	0	2	22	7 14
Melita	9	5	3	1	31	18 13
Manly*	9	6	0	3	27	11 12
Bankstown*	8	5	2	1	17	11 12
Ku-Ring-Gai*	7	4	2	1	18	6 10
Croatia*	8	3	2	3	12	12 8
Cant-M'ville	9	3	1	5	13	22 7
Auburn*	8	3	0	5	13	18 6
Avala	10	2	2	6	18	25 6
Yugal	9	2	0	7	7	34 4
Polonia*	8	0	2	6	5	21 2
Inter-Monaro	9	0	1	8	7	25 1

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 3

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cant-M'ville	8	5	3	0	17	4 13
Sutherland	8	6	0	2	25	10 12
Manly	9	5	1	3	25	11 11
Melita	9	3	4	2	12	11 10
Polonia*	7	5	0	2	8	9 10
Blacktown*	8	3	3	2	16	11 9
Croatia*	6	2	3	1	13	9 7
Ku-Ring-Gai*	7	2	2	3	10	12 6
Auburn*	7	2	2	3	12	20 6
Avala	9	2	1	6	11	24 5
Bankstown*	6	1	1	4	10	12 3
Yugal	8	0	0	8	5	31 0

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 1

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fairy Meadow*	9	7	1	1	17	9 15
Gladesville*	8	6	1	1	18	11 13
W'gong Utd	10	5	3	1	17	8 13
Warr-N'been*	8	5	2	1	18	7 12
Penrith Utd	10	3	5	2	17	12 11
Rockdale*	9	5	1	3	19	15 11
Artarmon*	9	5	0	4	22	13 10
Rev Workers*	8	3	4	1	18	12 10
Dee Why	10	4	2	4	17	20 10
Nth Bankstown*	8	2	1	5	13	13 5
Uni of NSW*	9	1	3	5	8	15 5
Blacktown Utd*	8	1	2	5	6	9 4
Parra City	10	0	4	6	7	23 4
Belmore*	8	0	1	7	2	32 1

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 2

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
W'gong Utd	10	7	1	2	29	20 15
Gladesville*	8	5	3	0	26	4 13
Fairy Meadow*	9	5	3	1	23	12 13
Rev Workers*	8	6	0	2	26	9 12

1ST DIVISION

I	II	III
Manly v Bankstown	1-0	4-0 2-1
Auburn v Polonia	1-2	3-0 1-2
Avala v S.S.C. Yugal	2-2	4-0 3-1
Blacktown City v Cant-M'ville Oly	3-2	4-0 1-1
Ku-Ring-Gai v Melita Eagles	1-0	3-3 2-2
Sutherland Shire v Croatia Sydney	0-0	1-0 3-2

2ND DIVISION

I	II	III
Rockdale v Fairy Meadow	1-2	1-2 1-7
Artarmon v Revesby Workers	3-4	2-5 5-0
Uni. of NSW v North Bankstown	2-0	1-1 2-0
Belmore v Dee Why	0-3	1-0 0-1
Wollongong Utd. v Blacktown Utd.	1-1	2-2 1-2
Warringah v Parramatta City	4-1	5-0 0-0
Gladesville v Penrith Utd.	2-2	4-0 2-4

3RD DIVISION

I	II	III
Bondi Marine v Gladesville Hby.	0-0	1-3 0-3
Campbelltown City v Liverpool Albion	1-1	1-0 1-0
North Ryde v Kingsford	3-0	3-0 0-1
Queens Park E/S v Lane Cove Utd.	5-0	2-2 7-0
Mt Druiitt Town v Bathurst 75	2-1	3-2 0-1
Baulkham Hills v C.S.I.	3-1	3-0 5-0

INTER URBAN — 1ST DIVISION

I	II
Maroubra Utd v King Tomislav	2-2 5-0
Hurst-Zagreb v Wentworth Rovers	1-0 2-1
Nineveh Eagles v Fairfield West	1-2 2-1
Eastern Creek v Fairfield West	3-2 1-1
Spanish Club v Concordia	0-2 2-2
Sydney Uni. v Port Hacking	0-1 0-1

INTER URBAN — 2ND DIVISION

I	II
Chelsea v Eastwood S/A	2-1 1-2
Trasandinos Sports v West St. George	0-1 2-3
Campbelltown Gunns v West Utd.	4-1 2-0
Sydney Maccabi v Pagewood	4-0 1-0
Moorebank v Padstow Park	0-0 0-1

INTER URBAN — 3RD DIVISION

I	II
Hawkesbury Dist. v Ryde Dist.	3-2 0-6
Macquarie Uni. v Macarthur Utd.	0-0 2-1
Blacktown Wands v Haberfield B/D's	2-1 7-0
Green Valley Utd. v Robins	3-1 1-1
Smithfield H.S. v Liverpool City	0-4 0-5

INTER URBAN — 4TH DIVISION

I	II
South Sydney v Hellas Poseidon	1-3 4-5
Liverpool Rangers v Colo Colo	0-2 2-1
Chullora v Rangers Hajduk	3-2 0-6
Roseberry v Nepean Rovers	2-1 4-1

Veteran can't play — even as an amateur

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

A 36-YEAR OLD Soccer player, desperate to play the game he loves — as an amateur — cannot because of a \$1,500 fee slapped on him by the now defunct State League club Riverwood.

The player is John Wignall, coach of Warringah-Narrabeen in the NSW Federation Second division.

This is his letter to ASW:

Dear Sir,
I am writing in frustration of being a player wanting to be allowed to play the greatest game of all, Soccer.

For the first time in my career, after playing 20

years as a semi-professional, I find myself denied the right to play.

I have played First Grade since arriving from England in 1971. Last year at the age of 34 I decided to retire as a player and took up coaching.

After enjoying coaching

Riverwood U16 last season, I am now coaching Warringah-Narrabeen in the Second Division Federation.

The problem was, although "too old" to play Federation, I wanted to play with some of my ex-team-mates, as an amateur.

This has been denied me by the NSW Soccer Federation.

They informed me that I was still on Riverwood's books when they folded. I am now the property of the Federation who want \$1,500.

So here I am, almost 36 years of age, having not played for almost two years, just wanting to play

the game I love. I cannot believe this should happen in this day and age.

I have written to the Federation, but it has fallen on deaf ears. Can you advise me on what steps I can take to be allowed to kick a ball again?

To digress from my own problem, I wish to applaud the 'Soccer Weekly' on it's column recently showing their concern that Riverwood could not be saved as a club. It is unbelievable to find a club which finished equal first in the State League no longer exists. Most players in all grades now become the property of the Federation with most having a price on their heads.

What club can afford to buy players now the season is underway, especially now that money is so tight? So here we find again most players, talented players, being denied the right to play.

How can Soccer progress when the Federation keeps this attitude towards players, season after season? I am just one of possibly hundreds of players of the last few years who have found themselves in this situation.

Is there anything that players can do?

Yours faithfully
John Wignall.
Another long serving

player from the defunct Riverwood suffering the same problem is Peter Butcher.

Butcher had seen the club through all their ups and downs and was prepared, like most players, to stick by them for the remainder of the season under the condition that he could leave the club at the end of the season on a free transfer.

After the club folded the original figure of \$1,000 was placed against his name. An extra 50 per cent was added by the New South Wales Soccer Federation making the fee \$1,500.

Butcher appealed against this and it was reduced to the original \$1,000.

The dilemma facing Butcher is that a club has offered the Federation \$700 but they are not prepared to bargain till the transfer deadline of June 5 is reached.

This is a ridiculous situation that has caused many talented players to sit out on the sidelines and miss out on the game they love.

Hopefully the plight of these two Soccer lovers (and the many others confronting the same situation) can be resolved with a minimum of fuss and urgency.

we virtually have no hope of winning."

Fryer said one would think the ISA were in the World Cup and not just playing 90 minutes against Canberra.

He said he feels his club have been let down badly over the whole deal and having to train three nights in succession each week will take an edge off his five players.

"Not only will it affect us in the knockout, but it can cost us the League as well if we drop valuable points through these players being jaded," he said.

Fryer suggests the ISA should have a long hard look at their representative activities in view of the problems they cause clubs.

FRYER FIRES A ROCKET

BY PHIL MURPHY

CONISTON coach Robert Fryer has fired a broadside at the arrangements for the Illawarra team to meet Canberra.

He has four players in the senior squad and one in the youth squad and says they will be required to train with Illawarra every Wednesday night for six weeks.

It just happens that Coniston are in the Balgownie Centenary knockout which is played on Wednesday nights — so these players are unavailable for their club.

"We just can't win be-

cause if they pull out of the squads they are ineligible to play for their club on the weekend of the rep. games," Fryer said.

"We entered the Balgownie competition as our contribution to the Centenary and paid a nomination fee.

"My club had their entry endorsed by the ISA: now they are taking five players away from us so

MT DRUITT TOWN GAIN SPONSOR

MT DRUITT TOWN Soccer club has gained a major sponsor. Mauri Grocery Products, manufacturers, of the Cornwell line of products, has selected Mt Druiitt Town because they feel it is a young club on the path of success.

The mangement of Cornwell's has realised the tremendous growth potential for their products in the Western area of Sydney. It is time other companies realised that this area isn't a wilderness, but an active growth centre where more and more people are getting involved in community affairs. Cornwell's realise this and they understand the importance of promotion in the heart of a growth centre.

Mt Druiitt Town, with its home ground at Popondetta Park, is in the Third Division State League competition.

A club spokesman said: "We are confident of a bright year, this is obviously shared by our sponsor."

This year the club has already reached the finals of the pre-season cup. The

competition was sponsored by 'Peerless'. The side's pre-season results included a 6-1 win against second division team Belmore.

The Town has retained last year's coach Johnny Haynes and assisting him will be the second grade coach Brian Williamson, with Bill McIntosh controlling the U18 side. Brian, in his first year with the club, brings with

Wollongong United coach Larry Ashbolt is near frustration over his team's failure to get goals this season.

With five minutes to go in the 1-1 draw against Penrith, Ashbolt stormed from the sideline and had a hot reception for the players when they came off.

He points out that from the 12 goals scored in the

him a wealth of experience. He has played with strong English clubs like Leeds United, Leicester, Fulham and Notts Forest.

Recent signings include Patrick Sullivan, a young player with a lot of potential who has been transferred from Auburn's Youth League and should be worth watching in the coming season. Another new boy is Jim McRorie, a product of the now defunct Riverwood.

Bobby Vincent is resigned to spending the rest of the season on the sidelines after breaking his leg in a game against Queens Park.

United tried to sign Glen Fontana from Wollongong City but he received a better offer from State League Club Avala.

Ashbolt feels strongly that the club has to find a striker or forget all hopes of promotion this year.

COAST SQUAD

THERE have been a few surprises in the Illawarra team to play Canberra next month, not the least being the appointment of David Naylor as coach.

The team itself contains shocks with experienced Fabio Fabienisi getting the goalkeeper's job ahead of younger keepers like Alan Duncan (Fernhill) and Shellharbour's Michael Entwistle, while Andy Walsh could easily have scraped in.

Fernhill's in-form striker Gary Pruks was a shock omission and showed selectors they had erred by scoring twice in his team's 2-0 win over Shellharbour within days of the team being selected.

A number of players already have said they are not available for the Canberra game and the players still in are:—

F. Fabienisi (Coniston), P. Bragg (Coniston), T. Charnock (Coniston), B. Condran (Coniston), B. King (Shellharbour), Paul Jones (Shellharbour), M. Sweeney (Tarrawanna), R. Crowe (Corrimal), L. Berlinger (Figtree), I. Lewis (Figtree), A. Thompson (Fernhill), P. Thompson (Fernhill), B. Dodd (Balgownie), M. Beech (Cringila) and B. Robinson (Warilla Wanderers).

NORTHERN NSW

BY MYLES HAY

WESTON Bears swept to their fifth win by defeating Belmont-Swansea 3-1 to remain the only unbeaten side in the Northern NSW Series.

Weston went to a commanding 2-0 lead when Jeffress conceded a needless penalty kick when he brought down Stirrat and Dave Miller made no mistake from the spot.

A late goal by Peter Stephenson brought Belmont-Swansea back into the game before David Sweeney went through a hesitant defence in the dying minutes to give Weston a 3-1 win.

West Wallsend lost yet another opportunity to be up with the leaders when held to a 1-1 draw by Tamworth City.

Second half goals by Reg Chilby and Carl Lochrin gave Adamstown an important 2-0 win over Lake Macquarie.

Lachrin's goal was reminiscent of Tottenham Hotspur's Glen Hoddle when he diligently kicked a free kick over the defensive wall and out of the reach of Lake's goalkeeper David Baldwin.

Hamilton Red Star faltered again when beaten

2-1 at Woy Woy by Central Coast Association.

Paul Corbert and Jim Bryden were Coast's goal scorers while Red Star's shortcomings in attack were again evident with defender Steve Smyth scoring their only goal.

Warwick Alexander, who has come out of retirement to help Highfield Azzurri this season, notched the all-important winning goal against Maitland to take his side into third place behind Weston and Adamstown.

Adamstown 2 (Chilby, Lochrin) beat Lake Macquarie 0; Highfield Azzurri 1 (Alexander) beat Maitland 0; Weston 3 (King, Miller and Sweeney) beat Belmont-Swansea 1 (Stephenson); West Wallsend 1 (Shipley) drew with Tamworth City 1 (J. Morpuss); Central Coast 2 (Corbert, Bryten) beat Hamilton Red Star 1 (Smyth).

ILLAWARRA JOTTINGS

BY PHIL MURPHY

CORRIMAL midfielder George Young must be wondering if he should go back into retirement after what he has gone through this season.

Young started off in pre-season games and helped his side win the prestigious Corrimal Leagues club knockout but then went down with a bad dose of 'flu.

When he came back, he lasted just three minutes in the game against Coniston and was helped off with a twisted ankle.

Corrimal have had a nightmare start to the season, picking up just one point from their first four games and this season there are three points for a win.

Coach Graeme Funnell is having sleepless nights wondering why a team with plenty of talent can do so badly.

Fairy Meadow's secret is out.

The club has got away to a great start in all three grades this season and it has something to do with their diet.

Strapper Jack Wood is a fruit carter and when he comes to training there are usually apples, oranges, etc. on the back of his truck.

When he gets home they are usually gone!

Could it be we have a Soccer club in which the players prefer fruit to the traditional drink down the club after training?

Fernhill have completed work on their huge awning in front of the dressing sheds. It will provide cover for 400 spectators.

The cover will be appreciated during wet

afternoons at Tawradgi Park and is yet another improvement the club has made to its headquarters.

They should get plenty of use for their lights also after hearing what Fairy Meadow were quoted to use the newly-developed Balgownie complex for their Umbro Shield Final against Revesby.

As Balgownie is still a Wollongong Council ground, the Council want their \$250 cut and Balgownie quoted \$100 to turn the lights on.

All for 90 minutes of Soccer.

The Final will be played at Towradgi Park tonight (Tuesday) and should attract a good crowd.

Newly-formed AGA Germania were happy with their first home game in the Illawarra second division.

They played University and came from behind to win an entertaining game 2-1.

Coach of the side is former prolific goal-getter in Premier League Barry Stewart whose brother, John, got one of the goals against University.

Paul Harris and Glen Hidasi are in the Germania line-up along with Steve Laidlaw. All three have played regularly in the premier league.

Home games are played next to the Germania licensed club.

Stewart said recently his team didn't expect financial backing at this stage because they have to prove themselves.

"We have to prove to the licensed club we are keen and not just in the League for a kick-about," Stewart said.

The licensed club is currently paying off a development loan but there is every chance they will provide backing in the near future.



RISING STAR

ALAN BECK

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

AMONG the determined young players at Bankstown is Alan Beck.

This 18-year-old player has consolidated the left-back position at Bankstown with an air of authority that would embarrass many of his State League counterparts.

He's a Bankstown junior through and through.

Alan first kicked a Soccer ball at the ripe old age of three. He spent a rewarding 10 year period at Panania RSL and represented the district in the competitive representative competition.

His successful junior days culminated with his selection in the NSW side in 1976, 77 and 78. This is a feat that many players would not achieve in a lifetime.

Alan was promoted to the first grade side after the first game last season.

He hasn't looked back since and has remained in the first team line-up to this day. It is through his consistency and determination that he has achieved success.

I asked Alan who he felt was the hardest player to mark in the State League.

He replied: "Graham Arnold is extremely quick on the turn and has a very dangerous shot."

"People think Clive Eaton is on the way down but look at his goalscoring record this year. He is a very intelligent player and grafter."

He adds that marking Phil O'Connor in the Ampol Cup last year was his biggest challenge. Why wouldn't he, he was only just promoted to first grade?

Like all the players and supporters at Bankstown he is hopeful that Bankstown can shake off the tag of cellar dwellers and consolidate a higher position on the ladder this year.

With the competent Alan Bourke leading his band of young dedicated players this could easily be achieved.

Alan is dedicated and

trains with determination. He feels that when the time is right he can further his career and play for a National League club and subsequently higher honors.

One person who has been closely involved with Alan this year is captain-coach of the side, Alan Bourke.

He spoke about him with the highest regard.

"Alan has more potential than any player I have seen for a very long time. He reads the game well, is tough and aggressive and has the right attitude to succeed," said Bourke.

Everything points to a very successful future for this young player. Watching him play is a delight. His determination, will to win and dedication is what the game is all about.

Alan Beck is a player to watch for in the future, one which will hopefully culminate in higher honors for him.

ROTHMANS Medal winner Neil Williams has been put on transfer by Avala.

The main reason behind this move is probably because of the amount of players avail-

WILLIAMS ON TRANSFER

able for first grade

Neill suffered a major setback last year when he and his wife were involved in a serious car accident.

Many people in the

State League are very familiar with this talented attacking midfielder and Welsh Youth International and hopefully he should have no real difficulty fitting into another club.

Whatever the future holds, he is determined to make a comeback to first grade.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA UPDATE

THERE are exciting showdowns coming up in the S.A. Rothmans League this weekend following last Saturday's Federation Cup round.

For starters the two bottom teams clashed again at Port Adelaide where Elizabeth ran up a 2-1 cup triumph.

Elizabeth are holding up the bottom of the table but behind Port and Beograd only on goal difference.

Elizabeth must now be favourites to climb the ladder because at long last they appear to be getting their act together.

Cup holders Croatia romped in 6-2 against second division Brighton City, but they will find it a lot harder defending their league lead when they visit Azzurri on Saturday.

Atzurri, last year's struggling champions, have managed to battle into fourth place and are

now only two points behind Croatia and shaded by Para Hills and Berkalla on goal difference.

Azzurri knocked Campbelltown out of the cup 2-0 with first half goals last weekend and appear to be running into their true form.

Campbelltown are still struggling to get a settled formation after the team was devastated by injuries in the Ampol Cup Summer series in the opening rounds of the League.

And it's going to be hard for them again this weekend as they have to visit Polonia.

The young tearaway West Adelaide, also on four points but in fifth place, get a chance to

prove their form with no fluke when they visit Berkalla.

West knocked Apac from second division out of the cup 3-1 while Berkalla were shattered by Polonia who got a 2-0 win away from home.

Beograd romped in 3-0 against Cumberland (second division) in the cup and are at home next weekend to Para who got a fright before beating Tea Tree Gully from the amateur league 2-1.

Beograd are third bottom in the league while Para is riding high in second spot and pending on the score line next weekend, Beograd could find themselves holding up the table with Port.

West after leaving Azzurri, to beat Beograd 1-0 on the same day.

Both top strikers last year, the pair had failed to score in the opening three games of the league.



First Division top scorers are:

- 4—Frank Timar (Polonia), Darrin Moss (Para Hills).
- 3—Marcel Barendregt (Campbelltown), Paul Wormley (West) Darryl Pankhurst (Birkalla).
- 2—Nick Malavazos (West), Glen Durrant (Azzurri), Peter Amiratto (Birkalla), Richard Preston (Para), Gary Price (Croatia), George Kalandaris (West), Chris Key (Para), Gary Williams (Para), David Mahony (Campbelltown), Steve Cagiano (Croatia).



A CUT-THROAT contest has developed in the SA State League Second Division with big spenders Salisbury running neck and neck with the NSL reserve side of Adelaide City.

With West Adelaide already gaining promotion to First Division as champions of the lower competition last year, City is desperate to move up.

But Salisbury, pipped by West last year, is just as anxious, as it is planning to apply for the regionalised National League and a Second Division championship would help promote their cause.

At the moment, the Second Division table reads:

Salisbury 11 points, Cumberland 10, Adelaide City 10, Apac 9, and Lion and Sturt 8.

Cumberland, in First Division until two years ago, have also come into the reckoning, but the big showdown could be on July 16 when City visits Salisbury.

When they met earlier in the season, Salisbury won 3-1 away from home.



The SA Trainers' Association are planning to register "sponge" men in the hope that clubs will not take on unqualified amateurs.

So far nothing official has been announced, but it is known that the trainers have taken a close look at the registration system adopted for coaches in SA.



Wasn't that strange. Wally Bojczuk scored his first goal since leaving West Adelaide in the 2-1 win over Campbelltown and George Konstantopoulos did the same for

A BONANZA OF GOALS IN QLD

BY GREG RUSSELL

THE Queensland Soccer Federation's new premier League is proving to be a goalscoring bonanza.

Only last week the 100th goal in the competition was netted and that was after only five rounds. That made for an average of more than three a game and had QSF officials delighted.

There have been few routings in the competition and most games have been even goal-scoring affairs. And the goals certainly have been spread around. Prior to last weekend five teams had double figures in the goals for column and most of them were approaching the 20 mark.

Former State League champions and last year's first division premiers and grand final winners, Grange Thistle have been leading the way in the goalscoring stakes and prior to last weekend had only failed to score at least two goals on one occasion.

The next best scorers were Mount Gravatt, Thistle's former State League rivals. And that should make for a high scoring match when the two clubs clash in the match of the round at Perry Park on Sunday.

There has never been any love lost between the two clubs and they have figured in more finals in recent years than any other team.

Thistle this year are rebuilding with many youngsters in the team, including Garth Moloney, who has figured in many of his side's goals, Ross Swan, Glen Archer and Gordon Buchanan. But Mount Gravatt too is in the process of change and although many of the old State League players are still here, coach Eric Thompson has begun blooding some former Mount Gravatt junior



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players.

It's always hard to tip a result between the two but Mount Gravatt have struggled a little since losing experienced midfielder Harry Stewart with a knee injury and Thistle could have the edge.

In the other matches this weekend, Olympic should continue the run that took them to the top by proving to have too many guns in attack for the aging Valley Trident team.

Acacia Ridge have had some impressive results

lately after an inconsistent start to the season and although Brisbane Lions should prove to be a handful the Ridge should emerge with both points.

Taringa and North Star finished close together in last year's first division table and should fight out a tough, close battle as should Easts, fighting to regain their early season form when they play Sunnyside.

In the other match Ipswich should have too much experience for the Brisbane City youngsters.

YOUNG ROOS IN TAS

AUSTRALIA'S Youth team recently visited Tasmania for a four-day training camp which included a match against top NSL side Heidelberg.

The squad's training sessions proved popular with many local coaches, players, youngsters and members of the public. The sessions were held at the Domain Athletic Centre ground in Hobart.



(From left) Hassan Amed, Badih Hammoud, Jim Meerbani and Peter Hassan.

HOBART MISSES OUT ON THREE STARS

BY "VAN DIEMEN"

HOBART clubs may have missed an opportunity to sign three potential stars who returned to Sydney following a brief stint in the north-west of Tasmania with State League club Ulverstone, holder of the Ampol Cup.

Mr Hassan Amed, business manager of 25-year-old Badih Hammoud, one of the trio, said that Ulverstone was unable to come to terms with the players who were returning to Sydney to rejoin National Sports Club.

Hammoud, together with Jim Meerbani (21) and Peter Hassan (20), were a sensation with Ulverstone.

In the Statewide Cup match against Croatia, the trio displayed skill, flair and shooting power that few local players could match. Everyone is still wondering how Ulverstone lost the match.

Hammoud, who has played in West Germany for St. Pauli of Hamburg, Meerbani and Hassan showed tremendous ability in the game. They

might have scored at least six goals against Croatia, but luck was against them. As it was, Hammoud had to go off injured, Hassan scored one goal and crashed a 35-metre bullet against the bar, while Meerbani's repertoire included turning

full-backs inside out before crossing for Liam Monagle to score.

Tasmania is already suffering from a lack of stars, especially since Eric Young departed for Morwell Falcons. To lose three potential stars in one go is a disaster!

NZ MEN ROW OVER PAY

A MINOR scandal has broken out here, with some of the World Cup players demanding payments to play for the Canterbury invitation XI against Queen's Park Rangers on Sunday May 22 at QE2 Park.

The Canterbury Football Association has told the players concerned, that not one player will be paid. Alan Boath and

Grant Turner, will be dropped from the squad and replaced.

The Canterbury team will be strengthened by five players from the other South Island Rothman's League clubs. Each player will get his expenses paid throughout the weekend.

A crowd of over 10,000 is expected to watch the match.

JUVENTUS-PIONEER AT THE TOP

BY VAN DIEMEN

JUVENTUS-PIONEER opened up a gap of one point over Olympia and Croatia after the fourth round of the Cadbury State League.

Juventus had a most unconvincing 1-0 win over Caledonians, by virtue of a headed goal from Frank Genovesi in the 52nd minute, but it was enough because Croatia dropped a point against Metro in a 2-2 draw.

Metro scored first through Pitchford but two goals from Kirkpatrick, who should have got at least a couple more, put Croatia in the driving seat.

Metro had its back to the wall in this game. Youl was in goal because the highly-rated Burden is out of action for six to eight weeks with a broken wrist, and Ferrall broke his collar bone in the 21st minute after falling heavily following a tackle on Thomas.

Assistant coach, David Smith, earned the team a point, however, when he equalised from close

range minutes into the second half. Croatia played without youngsters Cahut and Furjanic who were both in the north of the State with the State Under 18 squad.

University is, amazingly enough, in fourth place following its 2-1 win over champion Rapid-Wrest Point, while Olympia moved into second place with a courageous 3-2 victory over White Eagles after being 2-1 down.

Eagles lost its veteran goalkeeper, Michniewski, with a serious knee injury after only 25 minutes. He was carried off on a stretcher and taken to hospital.

Sherman, who scored twice (including one from a penalty), and Nichols were the Olympia marksmen, while Godfrey and Andrew Leszczynski scored for White Eagles.

SANDINGS:



Rod Brown (Marconi) and David Lowe (Newcastle) during a training session in Hobart. (Photo by Walter Pless).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	4	4	0	0	11	3	8
Olympia	4	3	1	0	11	5	7
Croatia	4	3	1	0	9	3	7
University	4	2	0	2	6	10	4
Metro	4	1	1	2	8	9	3
Caledonians	4	1	0	3	3	8	2
Rapid	4	0	1	3	4	8	1
White Eagles	4	0	0	4	3	9	0



HONOUR FOR FORBES SOCCER BOYS

TOP TEENAGE TALENT

BY STEVE BURNS

THE cream of Australia's Under-18 talent will be on display in the national capital from tomorrow (Wednesday) until Sunday in the National Youth Championships.

Queensland and New South Wales seem to have emerged as favourites to fight out the title — with Western Australia possibly the dark horse.

It is from these championships that Australia's squad for the 1985 World Youth Championship will be chosen.

"All games will be videotaped by the chief Soccer coach at the Australian Institute of Sport, Jimmy Shoulder," president of the ACT Soccer Federation, Mr Roger Grylls said.

Jimmy will then select the basic squad in the absence of national coach, Les Scheinflug who will be in Mexico with the Australian Youth team.

This is the fourth time Canberra has hosted the championships.

And this time — to boost interest in the code — there will be no admission charge to any of the games.

All preliminary round games will be played at Canberra's O'Connor Oval with semi-final and final games at Bruce Stadium on Saturday and Sunday, May 21/22.

The semi-finals on Saturday, May 21, begin at 2pm and 4pm and the play-off for third and fourth place begins at 11.30am on Sunday.

The final will begin at 1.30pm.

One of the youngest squads in the competition will be from Canberra —

at least 40 per cent of the boys are only 16 years.

Here's the draw and squads from each of the eight States:

GROUP 'A'	GROUP 'B'
Tasmania	N. NSW
NSW	ACT
Queensland	Victoria
WA	Sth Australia

WEDNESDAY - MAY 18 1983

O'CONNOR OVAL
NNSW v ACT (9.30am)
Queensland v W Australia (11.00am)
Tasmania v NSW (2.00pm)
Victoria v Sth Australia (3.30pm)

THURSDAY - MAY 19 1983

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Victoria v ACT (11.00am)
Queensland v NSW (2.00pm)
NNSW v S Australia (3.30pm)

SATURDAY - MAY 21 1983

BRUCE STADIUM
3rd Group A v 4th Group A (10.00am)
3rd Group B v 4th Group A (10.00am)
1st Group A v 2nd Group B (2.00pm)
1st Group B v 2nd Group A (4.00pm)

SUNDAY - MAY 22 1983

BRUCE STADIUM
7th & 8th Placing (10.00am)
5th & 6th Placing (10.00am)
3rd & 4th Placing (11.30am)
Final - (1.30pm)

TASMANIA:

Matthew Richman, Darren Chilcott, Elvio Brianese, Nick Marino, Tony Bacic, Ibro Cahut, Kurt Reynolds, Paul Furjanic, Peter Cavarretta, Carlo Ambrosino, Brett Murtagh, David Meldrum, Andrew Howe, John White, Richard Sovie, Darren Archer.

QUEENSLAND:

David Harrison, Paul McClure, Shane Cooper, Gary Carless, Shane Plazibat, Craig Phelps, Jason Polak, Richard Basingthwaite, Jon Burgess, Chris Dawson, Mark Barry, Lee Scriggins, Ian McCracken, Grant Beavers, Richard Poloskey.

W AUSTRALIA:

Peter Andrews, Tom Burke, Dean Carroll, Darren Chatt, Darren Cooper, Dar-

ren Dowley, Sean D'Souza, Nicky Dyer, Kevin Fell, Ross Greer, Eamonn Gorman, Greg How, Paul Jones, Charlie Kenyon, Willie McLean, Steven McLeland, Mark Pratt, Robert Pasqualotto, Marko Perisic, David Phillips, Michael Nicholakis, Andrew Todd, Michael Tubbs, Paul Taylor, Gary Wickens.

N NSW:

John Street, Andrew Core, Neil Owens, Riki Karaka, David Sharpe, Darren Northam, Sean Ingham, Ian Chapman, Terry Mason, Mathew Garland, Robert Botham, Mark Ryan, Ross Milosevich, Glen Cameron, David Ayliffe, Steven Jones.

NSW:

Miroslav Marinkov, Craig Williams, Steven Zantides, Harry Ree, Geoff Biscaya (captain), Brett Thornthwaite, David Hale, Paul Andricopoulos, Steve Tsingolis, Robert Turch, Tony Danaskos, Martin Driene, Paul Arthur, Darren Nees, Andrew Callanan, Jason Goldsmith.

VICTORIA:

Mirko Runje, Thomas McMorrow, Alan Roodhouse, Lucas Kozmichalis, John Gabrielson, John Mextaxas, Con Kiakos, John Kanesoulis, Warren Spink, Nickolas Karantonis, Daryn White, Claudio Avian, David Azzopardi, Robert Markovic, Domencio Ruccia, Anthony Costa.

enter also if their teams are strong enough.

The Thorn's Jewellery Trophy for U12s and the new Westpac Trophy for U11s commenced with a series of games played at Cudal in very wet and greasy conditions.

These games are played early in the season and allow teams to be picked for the U12 Centenary Cup.

The competitions also enable selecting to go



ahead for the Sid Tanner Tournament.

The boys in all games produced some creditable performances, with the U11 Calare v Mitchell game providing a highlight. The 1-1 draw was a fitting result.

Results: U12: Calare (Orange) 3, Central West (Cowra) 2; Mitchell (Bathurst) 4, Central West (Cowra) 2; Mitchell (Bathurst) 5, Calare (Orange) 2. U11: Calare (Orange) 3, Central West (Forbes) 0; Mitchell (Bathurst) 3, Central West (Forbes) 0. Mitchell (Bathurst) 1, Calare (Orange) 1.

— BRUCE ROOKE.



Coach Mark Hammond with the Australian Independent International School team — a 13-man squad out of 22 eligible boys at the school.

HUGE RESPONSE TO TURNER CUP

BY JOHN MOSCOVIS

THE State-wide Turner Cup is under way, and 126 of the 219 teams are from Sydney schools.

That is a magnificent response, considering that after losing the 2SM sponsorship we included entry forms in AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY only on April 5 and 12.

After all, the 2SM Cup was limited to 64 schools.

The school teams are now locked into a path to find the Sydney team that will represent the city in the semi-finals at Macquarie Field, Newcastle on Tuesday, August 23.

On behalf of the teams that have entered the competition before and enjoyed the unique action it offers, I would like to extend the heartiest of welcomes to the schools that have entered for the first time.

Schools like St Columba's Springwood and Cleveland Street High — both of whom have an added attraction.

Both have female coaches — the only ones in the competition — so it is a particular pleasure to welcome Michelle Fillery and Anne Jarvis.

Among the entries is that of the Australian Independent International School at North Ryde, which shows a deal of what the competition is all about.

Coach Mark Hammond has only 22 players of eligible age from whom to choose a team, and on top of that the school is going through hard times financially.

To complete the story, they are pitted against Normanhurst Boys High School in the first round.

Their Soccer tradition includes two Tasman Cups and a fourth place in a previous 2SM Cup.

EPPING HIGH BOYS PERFORM

A group of Soccer players from Epping Boys High School had the honour of being amongst the first to appear at the brilliant new Sydney Entertainment Centre.

The boys performed — not at Soccer — but as a singing group in the schools' Rugby and Soccer choir, which was one of three choirs from the school to be involved in the event.

The boys sang at the opening of the Centre, an event they will have reason to remember for the rest of their lives.

THANKS FROM NSW

With the Australian Under 18 Championships due to start in Canberra tomorrow, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY was asked to pass on a message of thanks on behalf of NSW manager Bill Walker and coach Vic Renkovetsky.

"We wish to thank the officials and players of Penrith United, Ku-ring-gai, Melita Eagles, Sutherland and Auburn for their assistance in the preparation of the team."

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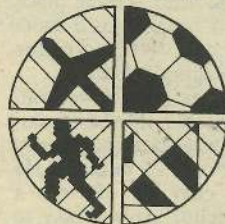
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R. Wood, Secretary, Ku-Ring-Gai District Soccer Assn.
29 Yeramba Street, Turramurra 2074.

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NSW "ATTACK" YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 10 MAY 14

U/13 U/14 U/15 U/16

GROUP A

Ku-Ring-Gai v Melita	0-2	2-0	0-1	2-1
Central Coast v Canterbury	5-1	1-1	1-3	Def
Auburn v St George	1-3	1-2	1-1	0-3
Blacktown Assn v Granville	0-1	2-6	0-4	Blk
Manly v Central Coast (def)	0-1	5-0	1-0	Def
Manly, bye				

GROUP B

Nth Bankstown v Polonia	0-3	2-5	0-9	2-2
Gladesville v Illawarra	2-1	1-2	1-0	2-1
APIA v Croatia	0-1	4-0	1-2	1-1
Sydney City v Sutherland	0-5	0-5	1-2	1-0
Southern Dists, bye				

GROUP C

Avala v Nepean	0-2	0-2	1-2	4-3
Sydney Olympic v Marconi	5-0	4-2	0-1	1-2
Blacktown City v Macarthur	—	3-0	9-0	5-1
Baulkham Hills v Bankstown	0-5	1-0	3-3	0-5
C'bury-Marr. v Macarthur (def)	Cant.	3-0	4-0	5-0
Canterbury-Marr., bye				

POINTS

U13:

GROUP A: Central Coast 18, St George 17, Auburn 11, Manly 11, Blacktown Assn 10, Ku-Ring-Gai 8, Melita 8, Granville 7, Canterbury 4.

GROUP B: Illawarra 17, Gladesville 15, Sutherland 14, Polonia 14, Southern Dists 10, Croatia 10, APIA 6, Nth Bankstown 5, Sydney City 3.

GROUP C: Sydney Olympic 18, Bankstown 15, Nepean 15, Blacktown City 12, Canterbury-Marr 10, Avala 9, Marconi 7, Baulkham Hills 4.

U14:

GROUP A: Manly 17, St George 16, Canterbury 14, Granville 12, Auburn 11, Central Coast 10, Ku-Ring-Gai 8, Melita 5, Blacktown Assn 3.

GROUP B: Southern Dists 20, Sutherland 16, APIA 14, Illawarra 13, Polonia 11, Gladesville 9, Sydney City 6, Croatia 3, North Bankstown 2.

GROUP C: Canterbury-Marr 15, Nepean 14, Sydney Olympic 14, Marconi 11, Blacktown City 11, Baulkham Hills 11, Bankstown 10, Macarthur 5, Avala 3.

U15:

GROUP A: Granville 18, Auburn 15, St George 14, Ku-Ring-Gai 11, Canterbury 10, Manly 9, Central Coast 7, Melita 7, Blacktown Assn 5.

GROUP B: Polonia 15, Illawarra 15, APIA 15, Sutherland 14, Southern Dists 10, Gladesville 8, Croatia 8, Sydney City 6, N. Bankstown.

GROUP C: Marconi 17, Sydney Olympic 14, Blacktown City 13, Canterbury-Marr 11, Avala 11, Baulkham Hills 10, Nepean 9, Bankstown 5, Macarthur 4.

U16:

GROUP A: St George 17, Canterbury 13, Ku-Ring-Gai 12, Manly 11, Auburn 11, Central Coast 9, Blacktown Assn 8, Melita 5.

GROUP B: APIA 17, Southern Dists 15, Illawarra 14, Gladesville 13, Sutherland 10, Sydney City 9, Polonia 5, Bankstown 5, Croatia 4.

GROUP C: Canterbury-Marr 15, Marconi 15, Sydney Olympic 15, Nepean 12, Avala 11, Bankstown 9, Blacktown City 9, Baulkham Hills 5, Macarthur 3.

COMMONWEALTH BANK SOCCER CUP — HUNTER REGION

Kotara 4, Raymond Terrace 1, Merewether 4, Muswellbrook 0, Francis Greenway 1, Forster 0, Wallsend 8, Booragul 1, Singleton 2, Jesmond 1.

NEWCASTLE'S TEAM



NEWCASTLE 16's USA TOUR

NEWCASTLE's invitation team of under 15 and 16 players enjoyed a very successful tour of California in late March and early April.

On the field the results were two wins, two losses and a draw, reports coach Allan Filby.

The team was very capably led by Adrian Brunette, with Stuart Norris as vice-captain.

The match against Conejo Valley United X-Cells was televised in full and replayed at 8pm on cable television the same night.

By the results, the standard of the Americans against a good Newcastle side was better than could have been expected.

Off field the players had an excellent sample of the American way of life.

A Mayoral reception was given by Newcastle's sister city, Arcadia, followed by a guided tour of the famed Santa Anita Racecourse as guests of the club for the meeting.

They played the Hawaii State Championships, the Honolulu Fighting Wings, in a three-day stopover on the return journey.

Coach Filby believes that the boys had some good Soccer whilst learning something of the way other people live.

The boys appreciated the work put in by their parents in helping to raise the money required to make the trip.

Apart from the various fund-raising functions, 86,000 lamingtons were made and sold, and that

must have meant a lot of work for a lot of mums.

Saturday, 26th March.

Lost to the Newbury Park Conquistadors by 2 goals to nil.

Played poorly, the boys still suffering from the effects of their arrival in America. The Conquistadors are currently still in the Californian State Cup for under 16's and have reached the quarter-finals to date.

Tuesday, 29th March.

Played a 2-all draw with the Conejo Valley United Thunder Fury team. An improved display with goals being scored by Wayne Goodchild and Tim Camakamis.

Wednesday, 30th March.

Lost 3 goals to nil to the Arcadia Los Gatos. This was the best team performance by the Newcastle boys, although they were beaten. The Arcadia team are past State

Champions and have this season reached the quarter-finals of the Californian State Cup. They are an outstanding team.

Thursday, 31st March.

Defeated the Conejo Valley United X-Cells by 3 goals to 1 with goals scored by Wayne Goodchild, Tim Camakamis and Matthew Nicholson. The team played well, though not as well as the previous day. This game was televised in full and replayed in full on Channel 8 (Cable Television) at 8 p.m. on the same night.

Thursday, 7th April.

Defeated Honolulu Fighting Wings by 2 goals to 1. The goals were scored by Darren Dowd and Wayne Goodchild. A good performance by the boys against the Hawaii State Champions and current leaders in the under 16 years premiership.

SUCCESS FOR BLACKTOWN

BLACKTOWN and District Soccer Football Association secretary Albert Lobley reports that the May holidays coaching clinic for school-boys at Quakers Park, Quakers Hill was a sell-out.

The Association ran advertisements in ASW issues of April 19 and 26.

Local Director of Coaching Chris James received over 150 nominations from players.

However with 10 coaches available he had to limit the courses to provide for 130 of the boys so that the required standard of instruction could be given.

the trifecta.

But Illawarra will be a tough assignment. They played six matches to qualify for the Final — and won all six.

They beat Canterbury 6-1, Sutherland 5-0, Blacktown 4-0, Southern Districts 6-0, Granville 5-1 and Gladesville 3-0.

Illawarra cracked no fewer than 29 goals and conceded two.

This team has played three full seasons together and have developed into a crash-hot side. Illawarra is managed by former Australian World Cup captain, Johnny Warren's brother, Ross Warren, a former St George 1st Division player.

Simon Hull, of the Illawarra side, is the Australian Junior 800 and 1,500 metres champion, whilst he and FIVE of his team-mates are trialling for the NSW State team.

Don't miss this 1983 Mini Ampol Cup Final. It should be a beauty. BE THERE.

THE 1983 MINI AMPOL CUP NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday at the St George Stadium, at 1pm, before the NSL match, St George and Footscray, the 1983 Mini Ampol Cup Final will be fought out between the two best Under 13s teams in NSW (see our full back page advertisement).

The contestants are St George, (current Ampol Cup holders) and Illawarra.

Briefly, this is the run-in to the Mini Ampol Cup each team has made:

St George has played five matches and won four.

St George have scored 16 goals and conceded only 2.

They beat Manly 3-0, Ku-Ring-Gai 4-0, Western NSW (State Champs 1982) 4-0 and Bankstown 5-1, whilst the only match they lost was to Nepean, going down 1-0.

Saints will be appearing in their third consecutive Ampol Cup Final, having won the previous two years.

Such enthusiasm exists in this series, that young Saints' Jason Daniluck lives in Newcastle, yet travels down to Sydney three times a week to train and play.

Saints will be out to crack the Mini Ampol Cup once again in this Final and thus achieve

Back row (l to r): Mr Fred Eshman (tour leader), Neil Pacey, Tim Caimakamis, Matthew Chock, Rod Carey, Darren Dowd, Colin Pirie, Mr Allan Filby (coach), Mr John Duncan (manager).

Front row (l to r): Ian Bevan, Andrew Biddle, Wayne Goodchild, Stuart Norris (vice-capt.), Adrian Brunette (capt), Peter Gunning, Matthew Nicholson, Paul Bunt, Glenn Neal.

ALBURY-WODONGA UNDER 14 GAMES

THE Albury-Wodonga Soccer association's Under 14 Rep-team led by coach Ern Muellner will participate in the Victorian State Country Championships this month.

The team consisting of 14 players will match their skills against top Victorian country teams at Moe on May 21st and May 22nd.

The team's promotional officer Frank Finlay said yesterday that Mr Muellner, AWSA's most experienced junior coach for many years, has put his boys through rugged sessions of trials during the past eight weeks in an effort to secure victory.

Mr Muellner is also one of the leading senior referees in the Albury-Wodonga and the Riverina districts during the past 13 years.

He has appointed Mrs Helen Finlay as manager

of the team which will leave Albury on May 20. Muellner has selected his players from 12 Albury and Wodonga Soccer Association clubs.

"The boys have been training hard and started to shape up to meet their tough oppositions at Moe," he said.

"On their return the squad will play against several Riverina teams for the Riverina Cup," Finlay said.

As an incentive for the boys, an Albury businessman Les O'Brien, well known for his support for junior players, donated 14 gold commemorative medals to mark the 1983 series.

New ground rules for goalies

HERE is the text of the new rule for goalkeepers. It was brought into operation last August and applied from the start of the 1983 Australian season.

Once he has the ball under control (with his hands), the goalkeeper can take up to four steps in the time allotted to him, thus

- Holding the ball with his hands, or
- Letting the ball bounce on the ground, or
- Throwing the ball in the air and catching it again.

After having taken four steps, he must release the ball into play. However, if after having the ball under control (with his hands), the goalkeeper decides to put it on the ground, he loses the rights listed above, thereby revealing his intention to play with his feet. From then on, he can no longer touch the ball or pick it up with his hands, even if he has taken less than four (4) steps before another player has touched the ball. He must, therefore, release the ball or continue to play it with his feet; in the latter case, he is entitled to take more than 4 steps because he has the same rights as the other players.

AUSSIES ARE NEW ZEALAND BOUND

By KEITH GILMOUR

JUNIOR Soccer players this year will have yet another chance to play in international football.

An Oceania junior tournament will be held in New Zealand from December 4/11 and Australia will be there.

The players will be chosen from those competing in this year's under 14 and 15 years titles. It will be for players who were born after August 1, 1968.

This is a change from the normal January 1 registration day for age groups recognised in Australia, but it is necessary in order to correspond with age qualifications in international competitions in which the international Soccer organisation FIFA is involved.

New Zealand has learnt from FIFA that there is the possibility of a World Cup being held for under 16 players in 1984.

If it goes ahead Australia and New Zealand will be well advanced because of the experience of the youngsters in the under 15 Oceania series.

National teams from Papua-New Guinea and Fiji might also compete in New Zealand.

Tahiti, Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands and New Caledonia are associate members of the Oceania Confederation, so it is possible that they would consider sending teams also.

So, if you are a state player this year and born after August 1, 1968, the possibility is there that you could win selection from either the national under 14 or 15 championship games.

MID WEST TEAMS IN WESTERN CHALLENGE CUP

ENTRIES to the Western Challenge Cup were equally divided between Mid West League and clubs from the various Western NSW Associations.

Seven came from each organisation and matches are played fortnightly with the last four going into the NSW Amateur Cup as well.

The Australia Hotel Forbes team was formed in 1982 to provide an outlet in Soccer for boys coming through the ranks of the Forbes Combined Catholic Schools Soccer Club.



RESULTS

RSL 78 (Dubbo) 4 v Waratah (Orange) 2; Email Orange 2 v CYMS (Orange) 1; Dubbo South Wanderers 0 v Court House Thistles (Lithgow) 1; Olympic Strikers (Dubbo) 5 v Narramine 2; Australia Hotel (Forbes) 0 v CYMS No.1 (Orange) 5; Bloomfield No.2 (Orange) 1 v Lithgow City Rangers 3; Leagues Club (Parkes) v Bloomfield No.1 deferred.

ORANGE SHINES

EARLY results in the Mid-State League have the four Orange clubs ahead.

Following these sides — CYMS, Bloomfield, Waratahs and Email — come the two Dubbo clubs, Dubbo United and South Wanderers.

Wanderers' sweeper Ross Seabrook is showing out well, whilst Waratahs are well served by left-back Glen Hooper.

In the match against Bloomfield, the Wellington side succumbed to two goals from half-back Stuart McFarlane and they ultimately went down 9-3 after being 3-2 ahead earlier.

It seems Wellington's jump from Second to First Division has them floundering, and newcomers Mudgee Bushrangers are finding the same difficulty.

CYMS are looking good and credit must go to their new coach Alan Turnbull, a former Waratahs player. Michael Koch has been amongst the goals.

TWO MACQUARIE TEAMS SHINE



Macquarie under 16 team snapped in a happy frame of mind outside their dormitory at Eurosports Village, Ipswich. The boys had just finished second in the prestigious Ipswich Town Cup.

BACK: Craig Gradwell, Greg Horvath, Barrie Hamilton (manager) Warren Douglas, Mark Wahlstedt, John Kershaw, Mark Hampson, Jim Dwyer (manager) CENTRE: Russell Turnbull, Tony Ward, Mark Robinson, Peter McGuinness, Mark Walsh, Dean Bagnall FRONT: Dane Sharp, Andrew Hamilton, Matt Smailes (coach), Paul Foster, Richard Proctor, Grant Dwyer.

UNDER 14 and 16 years teams from Macquarie Junior Soccer Association both ended up as runners-up in the International Youth Tournament conducted by the Ipswich Town football club in England.

The boys from the Lake Macquarie district of NSW certainly excelled themselves.

The U14s only dropped one goal in 18 matches, three of which were played in Malaysia on the way through, and 15 in England.

That goal was in the final of the Ipswich Cup.

The U16s also had an excellent tour. They lost their final to the superior side of Ipswich Town apprentice professionals, although Macquarie gave them a good match until the last 15 minutes.

Under 16 manager Jim Dwyer supplied us with the following comprehensive report of the trip.

Both teams were wel-

comed back at Sydney Airport by the senior vice-president of Macquarie Junior Soccer Association, Mr Bill Douglas, who extended the Association's congratulations on their fine efforts.

TOUR REPORT

The team left Sydney by Malaysian Airlines on Saturday March 12 to commence a five week tour of Malaysia and England with the main aim to compete in the Ipswich Cup during the Easter weekend.

During the first week in Malaysia the team played three matches

against school U-18 sides and won them all; 3-0 v Free Schools, 4-2 v St. Xaviers and 6-0 v Han Chiaig School.

We found the Malays to be skillful ball players but their lack of size and strength let them down.

The team left for London on March 19 for an 11 day stay.

Due to unforeseen circumstances we were not billeted here and our game arrangements were in chaos. As a result we only had four lead-up games in this 11 days.

The first game was v Dulwich College, comprising students up to 19 years old and was played in very wet and cold conditions.

A lot of our team had trouble adapting to these conditions. We lost 1-2 but were happy at this result.

Our next game was against Henry Thornton School and we won 4-2 slightly better conditions than the last game but still cold and wet.

The team played better and probably should have won by more.

Then the lack of organised games took its toll and there were no games for five days.

A match was arranged against another touring team, a Danish U17 side at Charlton Athletic's training ground. This was played in fairly good conditions and a 2-2 draw was the result. We went to an early 2-0 lead before the Danes started to get very dirty and after a rough and tough battle they got their equaliser with two minutes to go.

The next day we played Blackheath schools team and lost 0-1. This was a good game played in very cold conditions and the score was not a good indication of the game as we missed a lot of chances.

Then we were off to Ipswich for the cup. The first match was against Benfleet Boys (England) for a 1-1 draw. Again our forwards did not get the ball in the net although they hit the woodwork many times.

The second game was against Savedalens (Sweden) and we won 5-0.

The weather had turned bleak for this game and it was the coldest and windiest I have ever seen a game played in.

On Saturday morning we played Le Corbusier (France) in a game we had to win to head our group and we did win 3-1 but not without some anxious moments.

The French side were not as good as our team but they packed their defence and held us 1-1 with five minutes left before the boys scored two good goals.

All the teams were taken out on Saturday afternoon to watch Ipswich Town v Aston Villa.

On Sunday the semi-final v Duntocher Boys Club (Scotland), the best game of the series from both teams' point of view.

Our team started best and were leading 1-0 at half-time. Duntocher finished best and earned a 1-1 draw making penalties necessary to decide the winner with our side finally scoring a 5-2 win. All players thoroughly enjoyed this hard-fought match.

Then we played Ipswich Town in the final. They were from Ipswich Town's apprentice professionals and were much too good for us although we gave them a good match for most of the time.

Their striker was a class player and scored a hat-trick against us including two goals that would have earned applause anywhere in the world.

Our second placing here was a tremendous effort by the boys and five or six of our players were mentioned by opposing team coaches or officials as showing plenty of potential.

The remaining sections of the tour went very well with the boys being billeted with very nice families in Grimsby, Winchester and Surrey and as

these games did not have the same competitive edge as the Ipswich Cup, all were played in good spirit with the results being as follows.

Played Scarths Youth Club, lost 1-0. They were quite a good side and we played our boys who did not play in the cup.

Played a Scarths select team and drew 2-2. On to Winchester where we played Stoke Town U16 and won 2-1 on a very windy day, but it was a good match.

Played local team, Littleton U16 and won 3-0 in a good match.

Then on to Woking in South London for the last few days and two more matches, the first was a 3-0 win over host club Hook U16's and the last game a 1-4 loss to Hook U18 team

BLACKTOWN'S SUPER SQUAD DEVELOPING WELL



Blacktown's super squad snapped at Narrabeen National Camp. The boys have their shirts and bibs used in the training games. Coach David Lee is at the right of the picture.

BLACKTOWN City's Super Squad of under 13 and 14 year-old players is making great progress.

Recently they gave a demonstration to teachers who were learning Soccer coaching at the Australian College of Physical Education at Croydon.

The teachers were amazed at the skill of the boys, including one teacher who had been a member of the leading clubs in Malaysia.

The idea behind the Super Squad's development was to keep the boys out of competition football and work to improve their skills well beyond anything so far available in Australia.

This is the second year of the scheme and they have reached a standard that coach David Lee was aiming for.

Two of them were released at 14 years of age and acquitted themselves well in the Blacktown Demons' third team.

The boys undertake a one week camp four times per year and also devote three long weekends to Soccer.

Originally it was planned to spend \$40,000 a year in their development, but with one enthusiastic and able coach in place of the intended three, the players have been able to get all they need at a cost of \$16,000 per year.

The funds cover all gear, coaching, and seven camps. It shows that the real basics can be obtained reasonably economically and frills can be done without.

The team has appeared on the ABC TV program — Jam Sandwich. They recently drew 2-2 with the NSW under 14 team. Blacktown fielded seven players who are still under 13.

One point that has been proved is that the boys organise themselves and there is no drop in their school standards. In fact many have picked up well in their education results.

The idea was put up originally as a five year plan. The stage is coming when coach Lee and his panel at Blacktown Soccer Club will be looking hard at their options in bringing the players further along the trail.

NSW STATE COACH WANTED

The NSW Amateur Soccer Federation, is calling for applications for the position of Honorary Coach for the NSW State Under 13s Team for 1984.

Please reply stating experience and qualifications to the:



Secretary: Mr R. Woods
29 Yeramba Street,
TURRAMURRA. NSW 2074

Applications close May 20, 1983.

WEST BROM WANT WORLD CUP STAR

JOHN ROBERTSON'S contract with Nottingham Forest ends this month.

The Scottish international winger has been in dispute, on and off, with Forest for a long time and now it seems there must be a parting of the ways.

At 30, he is nearing the end of his career yet some good judges reckon he is still the most dangerous winger in the first division.

One of Robertson's biggest admirers is Ron Wylie, manager of West

Bromwich Albion. Indeed, Wylie has said he would like to sign the Scottish World Cup star.

It will be a sad parting for Robertson, who joined Nottingham Forest when he left school — but as the key player in West Brom's re-shaping of their side, he would welcome the challenge to start a new career with the Birmingham club.



John Robertson: twilight

ARSENAL LEAD REVOLT

ARSENAL are talking about forming a new breakaway League with other wealthy clubs.

Chairman Peter Hill-Wood, discussing the various plans to re-vamp English football, said: "We might still break away next season — if we don't get our own way. If the top clubs in the first division can't have more of a say — without being outvoted by third and fourth division clubs — we might have to go on our own."

The Arsenal chairman is a great supporter of the Super League concept and has backing from Liverpool, Everton, Aston Villa and the two Manchester clubs.

This is the time of year when players look forward to the summer break, usually preceded by a pleasant holiday tour with clubs. But England manager Bobby Robson, who still wants to bring a strong team to Australia on tour, has appealed to clubs to "put the interests of the country above holiday excursions in the sunshine."

NICHOLAS HONOUR

Charlie Nicholas has been voted Scotland's "player of the year."

That was a good reason for his club, Celtic, to offer the super star a new contract worth \$200,000. It's good money but nothing to what the player would get from wealthy Italian or Spanish clubs — or even from Manchester United.

Nicholas asked Celtic to give him a month to think things over.



Alan Brazil: substituted

Alan Brazil had an unhappy experience when he played for Tottenham Hotspur against West Brom. Brazil, who cost \$1,000,000 when he

UK SOCCER SCENE

SAD DAY FOR BRAZIL

joined Spurs from Ipswich recently, was substituted — the replacement being Terry Gibson.

Spurs boss Keith Burkinshaw stated: "It doesn't matter if you pay five million pounds for a player, you take him off if he's having a bad match."

Brazil took his demo-

tion well, saying: "I wasn't surprised. I was having a diabolical game I felt very tired because I've been driving from Ipswich every day for training, but that is not an excuse."

The Scottish international was just "disappointed."

FULHAM TURN DOWN SOUTH AFRICA

FULHAM, reckoned to be \$2,000,000 in debt, have turned down the chance to make good money on a pleasant close season tour.

The London clubs was wanted in South Africa. Terms were \$100,000 clear plus all expenses.

Why did Fulham refuse the offer? It seems they were worried about repercussions from the Football Association and Football League.

Team boss Malcolm Macdonald said it would be

better for one of England's glamour clubs to be pathfinders in South Africa, a nation outlawed in most international sports.

"I think the people to break down these barriers are not Fulham. It should be Manchester United, Liverpool or Spurs," said Supermac.

He went on: "If those clubs went, there is no way the F.A. would take the ultimate action — to relegate them or take away their membership of the League."

Fulham fear their players would be banned on directions from FIFA and, as Macdonald said: "A lot of good careers would be killed."

PRAYER IS ANSWERED

Some clubs will try anything to start winning matches.

Bristol City, for instance, called on divine assistance when they were at the bottom of the fourth division at Christmas.

They signed a chaplain!

Derek Cleave was his name and he was briefed to talk to the players with a spiritual message before matches.

Bristol City's prayers must have been answered. Since then, they've climbed up the table to a safe position.

STEWART IS A WINNER

Have Northern Ireland found another George Best in QPR's Ian Stewart?

Stewart, on loan to Millwall, scored the only goal in Ireland's 1-0 European Championship win against Albania. Irish team boss Billy Bingham said later: "I've seen flashes of brilliance in Ian that I haven't seen from anyone — apart from Best."

A few days later, Stewart was brought down to earth when he was sent off, playing for Millwall against Reading!

WITHE'S BIG SECRET

THE KNEE injury which looks like keeping Villa's Peter Withe out of England's tour of Australia, has been kept a secret from everyone for more than a year.

During this season, the knee was bad enough to give way during some matches.

As Withe said: "I've never told people about the knee because I didn't want opposing teams to know."

"I should have told England manager Bobby Rob-

son but I was determined not to miss the chance when I was picked for England against Hungary."

In that match at Wembley, Withe turned on one of his greatest performances — scoring the second goal soon after his cheekbone was broken.

Bobby Robson summed-

up: "Not only did he play an outstanding game with two serious injuries sustained during the match, but he actually began with that knee injury."

"It shows the kind of man Withe is and what he thinks about representing his country."

QPR EYES ON MARK HATELEY

The first player QPR would like to buy to celebrate their return to first division is Coventry City

striker Mark Hateley. Hateley, an England Under 21 selection, wants to move when his contract runs out this month. He will cost about \$400,000 but, before the transfer market depression, the fee would have been double.

QPR manager Terry Venables likes Hateley because he has proved he can make the grade in

first division and, at 21, the boy has a whole career ahead of him.

Mark's dad, Tony Hateley, was a super header of the ball and he has passed on that gift to his son.

BANKS WAS BEST

When it comes to assessing goalkeepers, nobody has a longer memory than Liverpool boss Bob Paisley.

Paisley, interviewed in the "Sunday People", said: "From Frank Swift onwards, I saw all the great goalkeepers. The best of all was Gordon Banks. Pat Jennings comes very close to Banks, and I also have high regard for Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence."

THE WING IS BLACK SPOT

BLACK men seem to have an aptitude for playing on the wing — in fact they could bring about the rebirth of old-fashioned wing play.

Southampton manager Lawrie McMenemy emphasised the point when he said: There are so many black wingers doing well, you could pick any of them for England. There's Barnes of Watford, Chamberlain of Stoke and, of course, our own Danny Wallace.

McMenemy rates Danny Wallace "a sharp lad and the sky's the limit for him."

Interesting to note that Wallace was in Australia in 1981 with England's World Youth squad — but didn't look anything very special.

UK SOCCER TABLES

ENGLISH DIV 1		HOME goals					AWAY goals					Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	
Liverpool	42	16	4	1	55	16	8	6	7	32	21	82
Watford	42	16	2	3	49	20	6	3	12	25	37	71
Man Utd	42	14	7	0	39	10	5	6	10	17	28	69
Tottenham	42	15	4	2	50	15	5	11	15	35	33	69
Nottn For	42	12	5	4	34	18	8	4	9	28	32	69
Aston Villa	42	17	2	2	47	15	4	3	14	15	35	68
Everton	42	13	6	2	43	19	5	4	12	23	29	64
West Ham	42	13	3	5	41	23	7	1	13	27	39	58
Ipswich	42	11	3	7	39	23	4	10	7	23	27	58
Sheff Wed	42	11	6	4	36	19	5	12	22	37	37	58
Sheff Utd	42	11	5	5	35	20	4	7	10	18	29	57
W.B.A.	42	11	5	5	35	20	4	7	10	18	36	57
Southampton	42	11	5	5	36	22	4	7	10	18	36	57
Stoke	42	13	4	4	34	21	3	5	13	19	43	57
Norwich	42	10	6	5	30	18	3	6	11	22	40	54
Notts Cnty	42	12	4	5	37	25	3	3	15	18	46	52
Sunderland	42	7	10	4	30	22	5	4	12	18	39	50
Birmingham	42	9	7	5	29	24	3	7	11	11	31	50
Luton	42	9	7	7	34	33	5	6	10	31	41	49
Coventry	42	10	5	6	29	17	3	4	14	19	47	47
Man City	42	9	7	7	23	23	3	3	13	21	47	47
Swansea	42	10	4	7	32	29	0	7	14	19	40	41
Brighton	42	8	7	6	25	22	1	6	14	13	46	40

F	ENGLISH DIV 4										Pts		
	HOME goals					AWAY goals							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L		F	A
Wimbledon	46	17	4	2	57	23	12	7	4	3	29	22	98
Hull	46	14	4	2	47	18	11	7	5	5	27	20	90
Card Vale	46	15	4	4	37	16	11	6	6	3	30	18	88
Scunthorpe	46	13	7	3	41	17	10	8	7	3	30	25	83
Bury	46	15	4	4	43	20	8	8	8	12	24	36	81
Colchester	46	15	4	4	51	19	9	10	12	24	36	81	
Swindon	46	13	3	6	45	27	5	8	10	16	27	68	
Peterborough	46	14	6	4	38	23	4	7	11	17	25	64	
Manfield	46	13	6	6	32	26	7	4	12	28	43	60	
Halifax	46	12	3	8	38	30	5	14	18	35	58	59	
Torquay	46	8	6	9	28	24	3	7	11	27	36	56	
Exeter	46	10	8	5	32	25	3	9	15	27	45	56	
Bristol City	46	10	8	5	43	29	4	4	15	16	48	54	
Northampton	46	10	8	5	43	29	4	4	15	16	48	54	
Stockport	46	11	8	4	40	35	1	10	12	21	47	51	
Accrington	46	10	8	5	43	29	5	8	10	34	51	49	
Darlington	46	10	8	5	32	23	3	4	16	23	41	49	
Blackpool	46	10	8	5	32	23	3	4	16	23	41	49	
Tranmere	46	8	7	7	30	29	5	3	15	19	32	49	
Rochdale	46	11	8	4	38	29	2	4	17	16	52	48	

ENGLISH DIV 2														
		HOME goals					AWAY goals					Pts		
		P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Q.P.R.	42	16	3	2	5	16	16	10	4	7	2	6	20	75
Wolves	42	14	5	4	2	42	16	16	10	4	2	26	28	75
Leicester	42	11	4	6	3	36	15	9	6	6	3	36	29	70
Fulham	42	11	4	3	3	36	20	7	4	10	1	32	32	70
Newcastle	42	13	8	2	2	21	13	10	7	2	3	32	32	67
Sheff Wed	42	9	8	4	3	33	23	7	7	7	27	24	24	63
Oldham	42	10	10	3	3	38	24	6	9	6	26	23	23	61
Leeds Utd	42	7	11	3	28	22	22	7	5	9	28	33	24	59
Shrewsbury	42	8	9	9	4	20	15	7	5	9	28	23	23	59
Barnsley	42	11	8	4	3	37	28	5	9	3	28	23	23	59
Birmingham	42	11	7	3	26	17	13	4	5	12	10	37	37	51
Derby Co	42	11	7	3	26	17	13	2	5	14	16	20	37	51
Carlisle	42	10	6	4	27	24	28	3	3	9	22	34	42	45
Middlesbrough	42	8	8	3	3	36	21	3	3	9	22	34	42	45
Charlton	42	11	3	3	40	31	22	2	6	13	23	35	48	48
Blackpool	42	8	8	8	5	31	22	3	6	12	20	29	48	48
Grimsby	42	9	7	5	32	26	26	1	5	13	14	34	47	47
Crystal Pal	41	9	7	7	3	30	17	1	5	15	12	35	45	45
Rotherham	42	6	7	8	22	29	39	2	4	14	18	41	44	44
Burnley	42	7	7	7	2	30	26	1	9	11	12	35	44	44

Hereford	46	8	6	9	19	23	3	2	18	29	36	41
SCOTTISH DIV 1												
		HOME goals					AWAY goals					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Johnstone	39	17	1	2	34	10	8	4	7	25	27	55
Hearts	39	13	4	3	46	20	9	6	4	7	25	54
Clydebank	39	8	5	6	32	27	12	5	3	40	22	50
Partick	39	9	6	4	31	23	11	3	6	35	22	49
Airdrie	39	7	3	9	27	27	9	4	7	35	19	49
Alloa	39	8	7	5	31	21	6	4	9	21	31	39
Dumbarton	39	6	7	7	26	32	7	3	10	24	27	38
Falkirk	39	8	2	9	20	22	7	4	9	25	33	36
Raith	39	8	3	8	32	29	5	5	10	32	34	34
Clyde	39	8	2	10	32	38	6	4	9	23	28	34
Hamilton	39	7	6	7	27	32	4	6	9	27	34	32
Ayr	39	9	4	7	29	26	3	8	12	16	35	31
Dunfermline	39	5	9	6	19	30	3	5	12	20	41	23
Queens Park	39	3	6	10	24	39						

Dumfries		39	3	6	10	24	39	3	5	12	20	41	2
Queens Park		39	3	6	10	24	39	3	5	12	20	41	2

SCOTTISH DIV 2														
		HOME goals						AWAY goals						
P		W	D	L	F	A		W	D	L	F	A	P	
Brechin	39	13	5	2	46	17		9	8	3	31	21	54	
Greenock	39	13	2	4	37	20		10	6	4	27	25	49	
Arbroath	39	14	4	2	45	23		7	3	9	33	28	48	
Forfar	39	8	9	2	31	16		10	3	7	27	22	46	
Stirling A.	39	12	5	2	35	17		6	5	9	22	24	43	
East Fife	39	8	5	6	35	20		8	6	6	33	23	42	
Queen O Sth	39	8	6	6	44	30		9	2	8	31	25	42	
Cowden	39	10	4	5	35	25		3	6	9	19	28	36	
Barnhill	39	6	7	6	25	30		7	3	10	22	30	34	
Albion R.	39	10	2	8	29	23		4	4	11	26	43	29	
Stansmuir	39	4	8	8	22	33		3	7	9	21	33	27	
Stranraer	39	6	4	10	21	32		3	5	11	21	41	23	
E. Stirling	39	6	2	12	18	33		3	4	13	19	63	22	

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